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## FRENCH AND BRITISH DRIVEN OUT OF SERBIA

**French and British Forces Have Been Driven Out of Macedonia With Heavy Losses—The Bulgarians Are Said to Be Close on Their Heels and There Is a General Fear of Bulgarian Invasion of Greece—Berlin Announces That German and Austro-Hungarian Submarines Have Sunk 508 Ships to Date—Another British Steamer Sunk.**

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 13.—The Bulgarians have pressed the Franco-British forces back to within five miles of the Greek border, according to a dispatch from Saloniki, which says Doiran and Gieveli were evacuated by the entente forces.

The Bulgarians are close on the heels of the retreating troops and the fear of a Bulgarian invasion of Greece is becoming general.

It is said that German and Austro-

Hungarian submarines have sunk 508 ships to date, according to a dispatch from Berlin.

Berlin reports the Franco-British army entirely driven out of Macedonia and that two British divisions were almost wiped out in the fighting.

**British Steamer Sunk.**

[By Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Pinegrove has been sunk. The crew was saved.

## FORD PEACE PARTY ALREADY IN FIGHT

**Disagree Over Resolutions and Some Threaten to Bolt on Reaching Europe.**

[By Associated Press.]  
On Board Steamship Oscar II (by wireless), Dec. 13.—A resolution condemning President Wilson's defense program last night brought a protest from some prominent members of the Ford peace expedition and caused some to threaten to leave the party after reaching Europe if the resolution was adopted as a party platform. Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver and S. S. McClure, the publisher, were among those who objected. More than a dozen refused to sign the resolution as unpatriotic. Henry Ford sent an appeal to all the rulers direct by wireless today asking them to agree to a truce immediately, pending peace negotiations.

## VENUE WAS CHANGED IN MARSHALL CASES

**Cases of Three Men Charged With Killing Anti-Catholic Lecturer Sent to Galveston.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Marshall, Tex., Dec. 13.—The cases of three Marshall men, charged with the murder of William Black, a lecturer killed here Feb. 3 last while lecturing against the Catholic Church, were called here today and sent to Galveston on a change of venue. Mr. Black was shot and killed in his hotel room here about supper time of the second day of his two days' stay in Marshall.

Those accused of his murder are John Copeland, George Ryan and Geo. Tier. Cases of two other men charged with the killing already have been disposed of. Frank O'Leary was acquitted here last June, and Harry Winn was acquitted in November. Both of these acquittals came after the state had announced it had not sufficient evidence to convict.

The night before he was killed Black had delivered a lecture in Marshall entitled, "Romanism, a Menace to Civilization." He was to lecture again that night. Marshall had been stirred by the first lecture and by handbill advertising of Black's propaganda, which referred to the Catholic Church as the "Old Beast," and by attacks on the Knights of Columbus, an organization whose members are Catholics. About supper time Black went to his hotel room, where he was joined by the other members of his party, Miss Sadie Black, a young woman whom Black had adopted at her home in Arkansas a short time previously, and by Clarence F. Hall of St. Paul, Minn., who before the examining trials here, testified that he

was employed to defend Mr. Black from physical violence, and that he relied on his expert use of pistols for defense of the lecturer. Several Marshall men called upon Mr. Black's party. The Marshall men included John Rogers, John Copeland and Geo. Ryan. Black was requested not to deliver his lecture that night. When he replied he would deliver it, he and Rogers scuffled, and shooting began on both sides. Hall opening fire from a bathroom door for the Black party, while one or more of the Marshall visitors brought pistols into action. Black was shot near the heart and killed and John Rogers was killed. Copeland was shot three times. Hall appeared as a witness before two grand juries. He arrived here last week, expecting to be a witness in the trials.

Judge H. T. Lyttleton of the district court ordered the change of venue on his own motion, stating the defendants could not get a fair trial here.

## RED RIVER PLANTER WAS MURDERED

**His Slayer Not Known, but Blood Hounds Were Put on the Track.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Clarksville, Tex., Dec. 13.—A. E. Schrader, a farmer north of Clarksville, was today shot and killed by an unknown person at his home. Blood hounds have been sent to take up the trail. Schrader owned one of the largest plantations on Red River.

## RECOVERING FROM CATTLE ANTHRAX

**Man Thought to Have Contracted Disease Loading Sheep for Export at Galveston.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 13.—Simon Perovich is recovering in a local hospital from a case of cattle anthrax disease. He is believed to have caught the malady loading sheep aboard ship here for export.

## OIL SHOOTS UP ANOTHER TEN CENTS

Tulsa, Ok., Dec. 14.—Another oil advance of 10c a barrel today brought the Midcontinent price for crude to \$1.20 a barrel.

**FOR SALE**—170 acres with seven houses, adjoining A. and M. on the northeast side; 100 acres in cultivation, balance timber land. For information see C. J. Goriaki, Route 3.

## AIRSHIP BROUGHT DOWN BY BATTERY

**Zeppelin Was Enveloped in Flames and Later Loud Explosion Was Heard.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Petrograd (via London), Dec. 14.—Russian artillery destroyed a Zeppelin the night of Dec. 5, according to details which have just arrived here, near the station of Kalkun on the Libau-Rommin Railroad.

The dirigible made its appearance from the direction of Novo Alexandrsk, passing over the Russian positions going toward Dvinsk. It was located by a powerful searchlight and Russian artillery opened fire on it. The Zeppelin then, however, rose to a higher altitude and became lost in the clouds.

Presently the airship reappeared over Kalkun. Its motors had been stopped, which is usually the indication that bombs are about to be dropped. At that time the machine was directly over the railway station and the artillery began shelling it. One shell made a hit and the aircraft became enveloped in flames. Under the glare of the searchlights watchers saw it disappear in a cloud of smoke and heard a loud explosion.

What was left of the machine fell inside the Russian lines. The charred bodies of the German crew were extricated from the debris and buried. A cross was erected over their grave with the inscription "Honor the brave, though they were enemies."

## ANOTHER BORDER RAID FORMING

**American Authorities Notified Band of 500 Would Operate, With Monterey as Headquarters.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 14.—Private advices have been sent from here in the past few days notifying American border authorities that another bandit scheme had been started, with headquarters at Monterey. It claims to have six hundred members and plans to raid the Texas border.

## FIERCE STORM SWEEP ATLANTIC COAST

**Left a Mass of Tangled Wires and Delayed Traffic in Its Path.**

[By Associated Press.]  
New York, Dec. 14.—The center of the storm which yesterday lashed the Atlantic coast, today passed northeast of New York, leaving a trail of tangled wires and stalled traffic. At Poughkeepsie three are known to be dead.

## THREE PEOPLE ARE BURNED TO DEATH

**Trapped on Third Story of Rooming House Without Any Chance to Escape.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Three persons were burned to death and a score were injured early today when fire destroyed a three-story rooming house here. The victims occupied the third floor and had no chance to escape.

## PREACHER ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

[By Associated Press.]  
Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 13.—W. T. Stillstreet, a preacher, was arrested here today charged with criminal assault on a 13-year-old girl. He is being closely guarded because of public indignation.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Phillip W. Gauss and Miss Ethel W. White.  
Oscar Sutton and Clara Bell.

## MURDER TRIAL WAS CONTINUED

**Number of Witnesses From Madisonville on Hand to Attend Case of Dr. Speer.**

A carload of witnesses from Madisonville besides a number of spectators from that place and from Houston turned away from the criminal court in disappointment Monday morning when the case of Dr. Glover Speer, charged with murder, was continued until the next term of court. Many of those from out of town had made arrangements to spend at least a few days in Houston attending the trial.

The postponement was ordered on the application of the defense because of the illness of Judge J. V. Lea, one of the defendant's attorneys, and the absence of an important witness. Dr. Speer is charged with the killing of J. E. Christian in front of the former's home Aug. 27.—Houston Post.

The defendant in the case, Dr. Glover Speer, as well as the deceased, J. E. Christian, were well known in Bryan and there is considerable interest here in the case.

## SENATOR AND SHERIFF WERE FINED

**Entered Grand Jury Room and Removed Records Used in Investigating County Books.**

[By Associated Press.]  
San Diego, Tex., Dec. 13.—State Senator Archie Parr and Sheriff A. W. Tobin of Duval County today were sentenced to one hour in jail and a fine of \$500 here for contempt of court. The grand jury foreman alleges they entered the grand jury room Friday and removed certain records being used in an investigation of the books of the county.

## CASHIER ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY

[By Associated Press.]  
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 13.—John T. Adams, former cashier, today pleaded guilty to four charges of embezzlement from the Keller State Bank and was given two years in each case.

## PACKERS MUST PAY HEAVY PENALTIES

**Swift, Morris and Armour Must Pay Huge Sum of \$40,000.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Three great packers, Swift, Morris and the Armour interests, must pay to the state of Texas \$40,000 in settlement of the state's anti-trust suits, which was announced today. Each company must refrain from owning jointly cotton oil mills and gins in the state.

## COTTON CONSUMED DURING NOVEMBER

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton used during November was 514,534 bales, compared with 420,706 bales in November last year. The October consumption was 500,635 bales.

## PROMINENT DALLAS MAN DIES SUDDENLY

[By Associated Press.]  
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 14.—Colonel O. P. Bowser, a pioneer of this city, died suddenly early today.

## FIXTURES BEING INSTALLED.

The fixtures for the quick lunch counter cafe to be opened in the near future in the Dobrovolsky building on Main street by F. C. Hostetter have practically all arrived and Mr. Hostetter is at work installing same. He states that he expects to be open by the latter part of the week.

## CUT OFF FRENCH FROM BRITISH IN BALKANS

**Bulgarians Have Not Only Dashed in Between the French and British, but the French Had to Abandon a Long Section of Front With Heavy Losses—Germany Will Protest to Greece Against Further Concessions to the Allies, and Also Wants to Know if Present Arrangement Affects Greek Neutrality. Peace Discussion May Be Resumed in the German Reichstag—Prussian Casualty List Given Out—Greece Commanders Shipping to Supply Food—Austrian Emperor Paralyzed.**

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 14.—Bulgarian troops have broken through the Anglo-French lines and cut off the French from the British, according to advices given out in Berlin today. The same advices say a long section of front was taken from the French, who suffered heavy losses.

Protests against further concessions by Greece to the allies will be made by Germany, according to an Athens dispatch. It is reported Germany has asked Greece if the new facilities afforded the allies will affect Grecian neutrality.

Peace discussion is likely to resume in the Reichstag, according to a Leipzig dispatch, which says thirty-four Socialist members are dissatisfied with the results of the recent discussion.

## Prussian Casualty List.

[By Associated Press.]  
Rotterdam, Dec. 14.—A local newspaper prints the latest alleged Prussian casualty list of 2,244,248 for the war to date. This does not include Turkish, Bavarian and Wurtemberg losses.

## HIGHWAY ROBBER GIVEN 99 YEARS

[By Associated Press.]  
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 14.—Frank (Red) Kelly was today sentenced to ninety-nine years for robbery with fire arms. Kelly pleaded guilty, but got a long penalty.

## POINTS ON PREVENTION OF POULTRY DISEASE.

College Station, Tex., December 13.—Many of the diseases which wipe out poultry flocks can be prevented by rendering the premises sanitary, according to T. J. Conway of the poultry husbandry department of the A. and M. College. Here are some brief suggestions from Mr. Conway:

Keep only those birds of a sound and vigorous constitution. A system of management of the flock which is thoroughly hygienic by having clean houses and yards; thorough and frequent disinfection, providing plenty of fresh air and light in the poultry houses, by avoiding dampness, and by providing dry and clean litter is essential. Hygienic feeding is necessary. Keep pure feeds, avoiding musty and moldy grains, table scraps which have spoiled or decayed fruit and vegetables; keep all utensils clean; avoid over feeding; provide plenty of green food; provide fresh and pure drinking water. Keep the yard and land clean. Do not allow the land to become contaminated; rotate crops on the land with poultry; make fowls exercise for food; keep fowls free from lice, mites and all external parasites; burn all dead birds at once; isolate all sick birds.

## Dr. Bishop at Methodist Church.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, president of Southwestern University at Georgetown, preached to the cadets and residents of the campus at the A. and M. College yesterday morning and last night filled Dr. Tally's pulpit at the First Methodist Church. The great edifice was filled to its capacity and the sermon was among the grandest ever delivered in Bryan.

Dr. Bishop took for his theme "Life," and based his remarks on two Scriptures, the first from James,

## Greece Commanders Shipping.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 14.—The Greek government has commandeered all Greek shipping in British and American ports. The purpose is to supply the deficiency in food and coal, which the allies' restrictions have caused in Greece.

## Francis Joseph Paralyzed.

[By Associated Press.]  
Paris, Dec. 14.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year, and that he has lost the use of his right hand was received from the Rome correspondent of the Matin here. The dispatch says the emperor can't sign state papers, but that a stamp is used.

## Italian Chamber Adjourned.

[By Associated Press.]  
Rome, Dec. 14.—The chamber of deputies today adjourned till March, after an impressive demonstration in favor of the government and the army.

## REPUBLICANS FIX CONVENTION DATE

[By Associated Press.]  
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Republican national executive committee today set June 7 as the date for the national convention. The place is to be named later.

"What is Life?" and the second from Romans, "To be spiritually minded is life." Life, whence it came and whither it leads us, its opportunities, its possibilities and its ultimate solution and culmination, were the supreme fundamentals around which the great discourse was woven. It was the very essence of eloquence and inspirational in the highest form, creating a profound and lasting impression in the hearts and minds of all who heard it.

## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES ELECT.

The St. James and St. Joseph's Societies of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of this city held their annual elections of officers yesterday morning. Following are the officers elected by each society:

St. Joseph's—Joseph Zemanek, president; C. Konecny, vice president; Simon Nemec, secretary; M. F. Vitopil, financial secretary; Fred Rosprim, treasurer; P. J. Vitopil, representative; Joseph Valenti, banner man, and Anton Vitopil, door keeper; Joseph Kosh, J. J. Rosprim and John Havel, executive committee.

St. James—Frank Zubik, president; Frank Valouch, vice president; Joe Herman, secretary; V. Luza, treasurer; Joe Operstny, banner man; John Zak, Henry Holec and Chas. Solik, executive committee.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS ARRIVED.

The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke have arrived and were unloaded yesterday. Mr. Clarke has leased the Dr. Mondrick home on West Anderson street, where they will be at home to their friends. The Eagle is glad to welcome Mr. Clarke and his excellent family back to Bryan.



# ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO DEMOBILIZE ARMY

**Greece Will Demobilize Its Army and Under Renewed Pressure From the Allies Greece Is Expected to Make Some Decisive Move at Any Moment—Allied Forces Not Strong Enough to Cope With Bulgars and Teutons in Serbia and the Allies Continue Falling Back on Salonika—This Was Last Day of Enlistment for England Under Earl Derby's Plan and There Was No Falling Off in Crowds at Recruiting Stations—Reported That Lemberg Is Being Evacuated—American Note to Austria to Be Given Out—A British Steamer Was Sunk.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements to demobilize its army and a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

It was learned from good authority the allies have renewed their energetic representations of yesterday to induce Greece to hasten action in regard to added facilities for the allied troops at Saloniki, and a decisive move by Greece is expected momentarily.

## AGREEMENT REACHED.

[By Associated Press.]  
Paris, Dec. 11.—Questions of an urgent character between the allies concerning the conduct of the war were settled on a basis of complete understanding today at a conference between Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallieni for France, and Earl Grey and Lord Kitchener for England. This includes a continuance of the Balkan campaign and measures to safeguard the military expeditions at Saloniki.

## Heavy Enlistments.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 11.—Crowds seeking to enlist in the military service became so great this afternoon it became necessary to continue the registration time until midnight Sunday.

## Bulgars and Germans Too Strong

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 11.—It is generally conceded the allied forces in Serbia are inadequate to cope with the Bulgarians and central powers, whose armies in the Balkans are now stated by the Bulgarian premier to be more than one million men.

The allies continue falling back, but

without suffering losses such as were endured when the retreat first began.

A Saloniki dispatch denies the report which gave London such a shock that German troops had reached Givgeli, near the Greek-Serbia border.

Today was the last day of enrollment for military service under Earl Derby's recruiting plan for England, and there was no diminution in the crowds besieging the recruiting stations for enlistment.

On the western front lively cannonading occurred, the French claiming they wrought serious damage to the German fortifications. The other fronts apparently are quiet.

## Evacuating Lemberg.

[By Associated Press.]  
Kiev, Russia, Dec. 11.—It is reported here that Lemberg, Galicia, is being evacuated.

## American Note to Austria.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The American note demanding that Austria-Hungary disavow the sinking of the Ancona and make reparation for American lives lost, was delivered to the Austrian foreign office today. The text will be given out here by Monday morning newspapers.

## Munitions Factory Destroyed.

[By Associated Press.]  
Havre, Dec. 11.—The Belgian government munitions factories here were destroyed by an explosion today. Many persons were injured.

## British Steamer Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Pusiris has been sunk and the crew landed.

## CITY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PROPER SANITATION OF MEAT MARKETS, AND THE SALE OF MEATS AT MARKET HOUSES AND FROM WAGONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRYAN.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bryan that any person or persons engaged in the sale of meats and fish at any market, butcher shop or stall shall completely screen the meats and fish offered for sale as a protection against flies; and the floors of said market house shall be thoroughly scrubbed once each day and the scraps of meat, offal, bones and other refuse organic matter shall not be left exposed to the atmosphere of the room, but shall be kept in a closed receptacle, the same to be emptied once daily, and the meats for sale shall not be kept exposed to air except in such quantities as are needed for immediate use, but shall be kept in adequate refrigerators or ice chests, and all tainted meats shall be removed from the premises at once, and the fixtures, room and premises shall be maintained in a thorough sanitary condition.

2nd. The room or compartments in which meats or meat food products are prepared, cured, stored, packed or otherwise handled shall be properly lighted and ventilated, and shall be so located that odors from toilet rooms or catch basins, tank room, hide cellar do not permeate them. All rooms or compartments shall be provided with cuspidors, which employees who expectorate shall be required to use.

3rd. Where meat food products are prepared in a market, such as sausage, lard, pickled pork, beef, etc., a separate room properly ventilated, lighted and supplied with running water shall be provided for this purpose exclusively, with the exception

that sausage may be ground in the market proper, if under suitable conditions.

4th. No person or persons shall sell or offer for sale any part of any animal carcass slaughtered when not in good health, nor any decaying or unwholesome animal matter, nor any article in which there has been used to any extent whatever any meat described, with the intent that the same may be used as a human food.

5th. That any person or persons transporting, peddling or delivering meats or meat food products or fish from any cart or other vehicle in the City of Bryan, shall properly screen said cart or vehicle so as to protect the meat from contamination by flies, dust or other extraneous matter, and that said screen, cart or vehicle must be washed daily and maintained in a sanitary and cleanly condition.

6th. No person or persons shall convey through the streets of Bryan by team or otherwise any meat, whether it be the entire carcass or cuts thereof, unless the same is properly wrapped or otherwise protected from contamination, and such covering shall be kept clean and sanitary.

7th. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 10th day of December, A. D., 1915.

W. W. HARRIS,

Mayor.

Attest: R. T. Smith, Secretary.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Giuseppe Zananti to Palermo Bros., two tracts of land containing 118 2-5 acres of the S. E. Austin league No. 10 in Brazos County; consideration, \$2.00 and other considerations.

## MILITARY POLICY FOR UNITED STATES

Prepared by the War College Division Under Direction of War Secretary Garrison.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Garrison made public today in connection with his annual report, the special national defense report prepared at his request by the war college division of the general staff. It shows that the army itself considers that as a proper military policy to secure Continental United States from attack, it is necessary to have a mobile army of 1,500,000 fully or partially trained men. It makes the following specific recommendations for the organization it believes necessary:

Regular Army—  
With the colors..... 121,000  
Reserves at end of eight years enlistment..... 379,000

Total..... 500,000

Continental Army—

Under training, three mos. . . . . 500,000  
a year each of three yrs. . . . . 500,000  
On furlough, subject to three months additional training before taking the field. . . . . 500,000

Organized Militia—

No provision beyond annual appropriation of \$7,000,000 and repeal of all acts requiring state soldiers to be received into United States service in advance of any other force in time of war.

Grand total, regular and continental, 1,500,000.

In estimating the cost of this establishment the report figures as follows for the first year:

Regular army.....\$258,960,000  
Continental..... 87,500,000  
Militia..... 7,000,000

Total.....\$353,460,000

In addition to these figures, Secretary Garrison points out in a digest of the special report, an annual expense of \$20,000,000 for each of four years would be necessary for harbor defenses and reserve material would cost for the first year alone \$129,768,786, making the grand total for the first year \$503,228,786.

It was the cost of the war college plan which led Secretary Garrison to devise the modified plan which has been presented to congress with the backing of the administration. Under that plan the first year's expenditure would be \$182,717,036 and a force of regulars, militia men and continentals of 670,843 would be produced within three years, which would be more than doubled by including the reserves of each branch which would be created within the first six-year continental enlistment period. The annual upkeep cost of the war college plan after the system is in full operation is estimated as \$319,473,000, as against \$182,234,559 for the administration plan.

Secretary Garrison's statement shows that the war college has been asked to renew its consideration of the subject in order that certain of its estimates may be more fully worked out.

The report opens with a consideration of the military problem confronting the United States from which it reaches the conclusion that "The safeguard of isolation no longer exists," since "the oceans, once barriers, are now easy avenues of approach by reason of the number, speed and carrying capacity of ocean going vessels." It declares that the successful outcome of the wars in which the country has been engaged has given the public a wrong impression, in as much as careful study of these wars reveals "a startling picture of faulty leadership, needless waste of lives and property, costly overhead charges augmented by payment of bounties to keep up voluntary enlistment, undue prolongation of all these wars, and, finally, reckless expenditure of public funds for continuing pensions."

"But we have not learned our lesson," the report adds. "It has never been driven home by the bitterness of defeat. We have never known a Jena or Sedan."

Turning to "Our abiding national policies," the board finds these to be Monroe doctrine and the policy of avoiding "entanglement alliances." To maintain these, it says, a co-ordinated policy of land and sea defense must be evolved.

The report contains a table of the military strength of the seven leading foreign powers as of August, 1914, and also an estimate of the available shipping for a military expedition to the United States. It says a "reasonable estimate" shows that Austria-Hungary, with a total trained force of 4,320,000 men, could send 180,000 men with all necessary stores and animals across the seas within 40.7 days in two expeditions; France, with 5,000,000 men, 404,226 in 30 days; Germany,

with 5,000,000 men, 827,000 in 30.8 days; Great Britain, with 695,000 men, 170,000 in 27 days; Italy, with 2,600,000 men, 227,000 in 35 days; Japan, with 2,212,000 men, 238,367 in 41 days, and Russia, with 5,000,000 men, 104,074 in 40 days.

The qualities of these troops, with the exception of the Japanese, who proved themselves in the Russian war, are now being tested, the report declares, and finds that the results is to show "an example of resultant efficiency of any nation that has developed a sound military policy; the soundest policy being the one which insures a successful termination of the war in the shortest time."

Presenting the military problem of the country the report continues:

"Without superiority on the sea or an adequate land force there is nothing to prevent any hostile power or coalition of powers from landing on our shores such part of its trained and disciplined troops as its available transports can carry. The time required is limited only by the average speed of its vessels and the delay necessarily consumed in embarking and disembarking."

The report then makes this statement of the military problem:

"From what has been stated, we are forced to the conclusion that we must be prepared to resist a combined land and sea operation of formidable strength. Our principal coast cities and important harbors have already been protected by harbor defenses which, by passive method alone, can deny to an enemy the use of these localities as bases for such expeditions."

"The enemy being unable to gain a foothold in any of these fortified areas by direct naval attack will therefore be forced to find some suitable place on the coast from which land operations can be conducted both against the important coast cities and the rich commercial centers in the interior. Long stretches of coast line between the fortified places lie open to the enemy. The only reasonable way in which these localities can be defended is by providing a mobile land force of sufficient strength, so located that it may be thrown in at threatened points at the proper time."

"It has just been shown what the strength of these expeditions might be, as well as the time required for any one of them to develop its whole effective force. Hence it can be seen, when we take into consideration the possible two months' delay provided by the navy, that our system should be able to furnish 500,000 trained and organized mobile troops at the outbreak of the war and to have at least 500,000 more available within ninety days thereafter. Here, however, it must be pointed out that two expeditions alone will provide a force large enough to cope with our 1,000,000 mobile troops, and consequently we must at the outbreak of hostilities provide the system to raise and train in addition, at least 500,000 troops to replace the losses and wastage in personnel incident to war."

In its recommendations for the regular army the report contemplates a mobile force of 121,000 men with the colors in Continental United States, 27,000 coast artillery, with reserves to oblige the corps up to 60,000; one reinforced division in the Philippines, one division in the Hawaiian Islands and one in Panama.

Of the Philippine garrison it says the policy of holding the group is a national not a military one, but that it must be remembered that unless the navy holds absolute control of the sea, no additional troops can be sent there at need. The defense of the Pearl Harbor or naval base can be accomplished properly, the report continues, only by adding a mobile force to the garrison to meet attempts at landing and a similar situation exists in the Panama Canal Zone, and the situation of the Guantanamo naval station, of Porto Rico and Alaska are also pointed out as requiring permanent army garrisons.

The report reviews the situation in Continental United States to show that because of geographical conditions mobile forces must be maintained in each of the Puget Sound, California, Atlantic and Middle West areas. The first three are described as the "critical areas." Puget Sound should have, it is stated, one division of troops, less the divisional cavalry, and a brigade of three regiments of cavalry; California and the North Atlantic States one division and a brigade of cavalry each; the Middle West, a division less its cavalry and a brigade of cavalry. Two brigades of cavalry are assigned to the Mexican border.

Under this distribution there would be 82,000 regulars of all arms on overseas service and 148,000 in the United States, or a total standing army with the colors of 230,000 men and officers. Adding non-combatant forces necessary, a grand total of 281,000 is reached for the standing army.

## SHORT OUTLINE OF FORD PLANS

Tentative Plans Depend Upon Securing German Consent to Cross That Country.

[By Associated Press.]

On Board Steamship Oscar II (via wireless to Cape Race, N. F.), Dec. 10.—Tentative plans for the itinerary and preliminary procedure of Henry Ford's party of peace advocates were announced Thursday. At Christiania, Norway, the party will remain three days, and Norwegian delegates will be selected by the expedient of sending out invitations broadcast, as was done in the United States.

A special train will be dispatched to Stockholm to recruit and transport Swedish delegates and another special train will bring Danish delegates from Copenhagen.

Leaving Scandinavia, the party proposes going direct to The Hague by rail, provided Mr. Ford can obtain permission to pass through Germany. He will agree to a nonstop trip if the Germans will only grant permission to traverse the country.

At The Hague, Dutch, Spanish and Swiss members are expected to join the party and with their arrival permanent organization will be attempted, with a view to bringing peace to the warring nations.

A stormy start caused much delay and the Oscar II probably will be four days late in reaching Christiania.

## FOSTER'S WEATHER BULLETIN.

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Washington, Dec. 11.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent Dec. 12 to 16, warm wave Dec. 11 to 15, cool wave Dec. 14 to 18. This will bring the warmest weather of the month and the intensity of the storms will suddenly increase about Dec. 12. Not much precipitation from Dec. 7 to 14. Most precipitation on Pacific slope.

Have you noticed how closely we have been hitting the amount and location of precipitation? Our remarkable success in that line suggests that we will be able to make exceedingly valuable crop weather forecasts for 1916. The evidence are so strong in favor of our forecasts that none can afford to be without them. We have great faith in our crop weather forecasts for next year.

Did you note the remarkable double hit we made in forecasting the great storms of Nov. 25 that killed and injured many people and destroyed much property? We gave the movements of that storm correctly, gave the dates on which it would cross the central valleys, warned all of the great danger. We also predicted that no earthquake would occur to relieve the storm tension. But we made a mistake in predicting that the United States weather bureau would hang out its danger signals from Nov. 23 to 25; it gave no warning. When will they learn that planetary influence furnish the only true basis for meteorology?

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about Dec. 17, cross Pacific slope by the close of Dec. 18, central valleys Dec. 19 to 21, eastern sections Dec. 22. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about Dec. 17, central valleys Dec. 19, eastern section Dec. 21. Cool wave will cross the Pacific slope about Dec. 20, central valleys Dec. 22, eastern section Dec. 24.

This will be a moderate storm on Pacific slope, but its intensity will constantly increase as it moves eastward. It will be a severe storm in eastern sections about Dec. 22 and a dangerous storm out on the Atlantic ship route to Europe about Dec. 24.

We are expecting a drouth over all this continent east of the Rockies during the precipitation month Dec. 12 to Jan. 10. During that period very little rain or snow is expected. Most rain during that time is expected in the middle southwest. But Central America will get more than the usual amount of rain, while the Pacific slope will get from about to above normal precipitation. Where winter wheat has been sown in dry soil this drouth is expected to do some damage.

During this Dec. 12 to Jan. 10 precipitation month Australia, India, the west coast of South America and the Philippines will get too much rain. Next bulletin will give some details about a January temperatures and the rainfall of Jan. 10 to 31. A radical change in amount and location of precipitation is expected from Jan. 19 to Feb. 9.

During the early evenings the silver disk of Venus may be seen in the west for the next four weeks and Jupiter will be the most conspicuous object in the southern firmament. About midnight Mars, the ancient God of War, will rise and a little before

fore it the silvery Saturn will come up. These planets have much to do with 1916 crop weather.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Following are the dates on which the schools of Bryan and the A. and M. College will turn out for the Christmas holidays and the dates on which they will reopen after the holidays:

Bryan High School, to close Dec. 22 and will reopen Jan. 3.

Villa Maria Academy will close Thursday, Dec. 23, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

Allen Academy will close Tuesday, Dec. 21, and will reopen Jan. 3.

Bryan Baptist Academy will close Dec. 23 and will reopen Jan. 3.

Agricultural and Mechanical College will close Dec. 22 and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

## SMALL COTTON FIRE.

Fire was discovered in a car of cotton on a Houston & Texas Central freight train which was just preparing to leave the yard about 3 o'clock this afternoon. The fire alarm was turned in and the department hurried to the scene, but quick work by the train crew extinguished the blaze before the firemen arrived. There were two bales of cotton damaged by the fire, but the loss is only nominal. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Leonard McDonald and George McDonald were among the visitors to the city today from Macy.

## "OO-y! My Corn-n!" H-m, Use 'Gets-It'

Then You'll Have No Corns to Bump! Your Corns Will Come "Clean Off" Quick!

Did you ever see a corn peel off after you've used "Gets-It" on it? Well, it's a moving picture for your life! And you hardly do a thing to it. "Sore Corn Bumped" Again! Use "Gets-It" Corns Vanish!



Put a little "Gets-It" on it. It dries at once. There's nothing to stick. Put shoes and stockings on right over it. No pain, no fuss, 48 hours—corns gone. "Gets-It" never hurts the true flesh, never makes toes sore. If you have tried almost everything else for corns, you will be much more surprised to see how quickly and easily your corns and calluses will come right off with "Gets-It." Quit limping and wringing up your face with corn-wrinkles. Try "Gets-It" tonight on that corn, callus, wart or bunion, and you'll be glad you read this. "Gets-It" is sold by all druggists, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

Sold in Bryan and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by M. H. James and the Smith Drug Company.

**The Favorite**  
of all men who appreciate a fine—old—mellow whiskey  
**OLD I.W. HARPER WHISKEY**  
For half a century it has led the field.  
JOE GROGINSKY

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Bryan-College Interurban Railway Company will be held in the city of Bryan, Brazos County, Texas on the first Tuesday in January, 1916, the same being the 4th day of said month, for the purpose of electing officers of said company for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other matters as may come before the board of directors. Said meeting of the directors will be held immediately after the adjournment of the meeting of the stockholders of said company on the above date.

L. A. HOST,  
Sec. Bryan-College Int. Ry. Co.



# DISTRUST OF EACH OTHER IS SAID TO BE GROWING

**Bulgaria and Turkey Have Long Been Enemies and Cannot Trust Each Other in the Present Crisis—Not Confirmed That the French Had to Abandon Their Positions in Serbia—Allies Are Still Landing Fresh Troops and Supplies at Salonica—Montenegrins Are Making a Stubborn Resistance—German Soldiers Killed By Explosion in Belgium—British Send Reinforcements to Mesopotamia—Montenegro Said to Want Peace—Heirs of Arabic Victim Ask Germany for \$50,000 Indemnity.**

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 8.—There is no confirmation of the hints that the French have been forced to abandon their positions in Vardar and Cerna, in Southeastern Serbia, but it is admitted they are in a precarious situation because of the threatened envelopment in an angle of these two rivers. The constant arrival of fresh forces and war materials at Saloniki indicate, however, the allies have no intentions of abandoning their efforts in that region.

The Montenegrins continue a stubborn resistance to the Austrians and Bulgarians on the Montenegrin frontier and sharp counter attacks are frequent.

The latest dispatches state the French are bringing up heavy guns in the Strumitsa section, causing the Bulgarians to retire with heavy losses. A big battle appears to be impending there.

A Saloniki dispatch reports that weather conditions in the Balkans is improved. Also that complications threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey and their distrust of each other is increasing.

The Germans report the capture of 500 yards of French positions near Souain, Champagne, and the French claim they recaptured a portion of their advanced trench, taken by the Germans yesterday.

**American Ship Not Sunk.**  
[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 8.—An Alexandria, Egypt, telegram says the American Ioniki indicate, however, the allies sunk off the Tripoli coast by a submarine.

## CAN NOT DESIGNATE REDLIGHT DISTRICT

[By Associated Press.] Austin, Tex., Dec. 8.—The supreme court today held a city has no power to designate a restricted district for immoral purposes. The case was from El Paso.

## BREHAM DEFEATED BRYAN.

**Novel Bowling Match Conducted by Long Distance Phone.**

A novel contest was staged last night by the Brenham bowlers first team and the Bryan first team, a match game being played by long distance telephone. The Bryan team bowled on the Bryan pool hall alleys and the Brenham team on their alleys in Brenham. The contest of three games was won by Brenham by the slender majority of 67 pins, the total scores for the two teams for the three games being, Brenham 2,577, Bryan 2,510.

The high score in one game for the individual bowler was made by P. J. Lem of Brenham, with 225, and the highest average score for the three games was made by Beckwith of the Bryan team, with 190, he making a total of 572 pins in the three games. Schmidt of the Brenham team led his teammates with the high average of 186 pins for the three games.

Considerable interest in bowling is being aroused in Bryan, and plans are being made to enter a team in the state tournament to be held in Houston Jan. 9 and 10, 1916. This is Bryan's second match with the Brenham team, and their second defeat, but Brenham claims the state championship and their victory last night is a good indication of the prowess of the Bryan bowlers.

## COTTON MARKET ACTIVE.

The Bryan cotton market within the last week has shown considerable

marine, arrived at Alexandria Monday. It is believed here there was confusion over the identity of the vessel torpedoed, as the Communipaw was due to leave Alexandria Tuesday for New York.

**Belgian Defense Blown Up.**  
[By Associated Press.] Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Fort Cognelee, one of the most important old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been destroyed by an explosion and eighty German soldiers were killed, according to a Belgian newspaper.

**British Get Reinforcements.**  
[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 8.—British reinforcement steamship Communipaw reported ments are arriving at the Mesopotamian front, according to a statement in the house of commons today by Austin Chamberlain, secretary for India.

**Montenegro Wants Peace.**  
[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Overseas news agency says Montenegro has expressed a desire for separate peace, but the allies threatened to break off diplomatic relations and cease the assistance which has been accorded Montenegro.

**Heirs Ask Indemnity.**  
[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 8.—The heirs of Dr. E. F. Wood, an American lost on the Arabic, will ask Germany to indemnify them for at least \$50,000. The attorneys consulted Secretary of State Lansing today. This is the first claim made against Germany.

ble more life than at any time during the past two months, and sales of big lots of cotton have become more frequent than at any time during the present season. E. H. Astin, a Brazos bottom planter, sold 221 bales yesterday to Gerson Bedach, a cotton buyer of Calvert, for 12 1/4c per lb. The lot is reported to have been one of the best sold this year.

M. W. Sims, another Brazos bottom planter, also sold 114 bales yesterday to R. H. Waller, representative of Williams of Fort Worth for 12 1/8c. Cotton was quoted at 12c, middling basis, yesterday and the two lots sold are reported to have averaged above middling.

## REPUBLICANS WILL MAKE NO FIGHT

**Will Not Oppose Defense Program if It Is Not Fixed by Democratic Caucus.**

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate Republicans will make no partisan fight on the national defense program if it is not framed by a Democratic caucus, Republican Leader Gallinger told President Wilson today. He said the Republicans wanted to strengthen the army and navy and were willing to co-operate with the Democrats. President Wilson, it is understood, replied that he would not approve the Democratic caucus making the defense plans.

## MASONS MUST NOT USE PROFANITY

[By Associated Press.] Waco, Tex., Dec. 8.—The Texas Grand Lodge of Masons today adopted a resolution disqualifying for Masonic honors persons who habitually use profane language.

## "THE ALL-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP."

Pan-Americanism was the keynote of President Wilson's message to congress—a closer relationship and unanimity between the nations of North and South America. The interpretation of the message and the meaning of this new Pan-Americanism by the Houston Post so thoroughly covers the subject it is herewith reproduced for the careful perusal and study of the readers of the Eagle.

"The president's treatment of the relations of the United States with the Latin-American republics deserves the thoughtful attention of the people. He has interpreted the Monroe doctrine in the light of a new condition and obligation. When President Monroe enunciated it, its meaning was different. At that time we objected to European aggression in any part of the Western Hemisphere because we regarded it as perilous to our own security and independence. At that time we were weak and we relied upon the distance that the ocean afforded for our protection against the strong.

"Distance is no longer a protection. Steam has conquered it and it has materially changed the nature of our relations with the Latin-American nations. The progress of civilization, the material development of South America, the expanding wealth of the republics and the mutual confidence of the nations of the entire hemisphere in the intentions and ideals of each have created a community of interests that is now generally recognized and respected.

"In the days of President Monroe we were standing first of all for self-protection. Under modern conditions we stand for the mutual welfare of the people of our hemisphere. That is what the president means when he speaks of 'a full and honorable association of partners between ourselves and our neighbors in the interests of all America, North and South.'

In order to achieve the richest realization of this lofty ideal, however, the industrial and commercial leaders of America will have to take a hand. The government can discharge its part of the common task in maintaining the independence of the republics of America, but the real Pan-America must come of the common effort and intercourse of all the peoples.

"Heretofore, we have been miserably hampered in our commercial intercourse with South America. We have not been able to cultivate mutually profitable business relations with Latin-America in the measure that was and is desirable, and the fault has been with us. Europe outclassed us in all the essentials of an ideal commerce. It utilized all the instrumentalities of trade in obtaining a dominant influence in South America. It ministered to the financial needs of the continent. It intelligently ascertained the needs and tastes of the people and supplied them efficiently and upon good terms.

"The war has transferred financial dominion from Europe to the United States. Hereafter, South America will have to get its capital from the United States, because Europe's capital will be annihilated in another year or two of war. Our manufacturers must now manifest some intelligence and enterprise in building up a greater commerce with South America. We can not do so unless we are prepared to supply our customers with the goods they want, manufactured as they want them and at prices and upon terms that Europe can not beat.

"In other words, we have many advantages that stand us well in hand, but nevertheless we will have to compete with skilled artisans and honest tradesmen and capable bankers, and beat them or retire from the field. All this means that we shall have to manifest a firmer and more constant regard for sound economic principles than we have been in the habit of doing. Unless we do, we are not only going to fail to materialize and solidify our partnership with South America, but we are going to lose trade throughout the world, which means that we shall fail to embrace an opportunity for expansion that seldom comes to nations.

"We shall have to be honest with ourselves and then be honest with all the world. Artificial prosperity, pampered shoddy and all that sort of thing will have to disappear or history will say of us that when great opportunity came to us we were not straight enough among ourselves to enable us to deal intelligently and profitably with other nations."

## THE COUNTRY CHURCHES.

The conference of the commission on church and country life, at its opening session in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, launched a nation-wide movement to make the country church not only the religious, but also the social and agricultural cen-

ter for the farmers through a federation of churches in rural communities. This movement, if it meets with the proper encouragement, means progress in all phases of community welfare work.

Co-operation is the keynote to successful work in all of life's activities. Why should not church workers sink their little sectarian differences and come together in mutual helpfulness to advance the religious, the social and the agricultural interests of the community? The religious principle is the principle of uplifting progress. It has its place as much in the social life in agriculture, as in the church. Give it plenty of room for its perfect working. Give it a place where those who have received its inspiration may come together in common purpose, compare and co-ordinate their ideas, that they may be the better equipped for life's tasks.

Even the brute creation seeks perfection, each after its kind, instinct moving them by common impulse, bringing them and holding them together in community life. Why should man, the only animal gifted with reason, exhibit less wisdom in self-protection, self-perfection, than the lower creation?—Houston Post.

The idea of making the country church the "center" for all community activities—religious first, of course, social, agriculture and its allied interests, is fast growing and taking a firm hold in the minds of the thoughtful, thinking, planning men of every community. The old idea of every fellow for himself, of independent action regardless of the plans and purposes of neighbors, is giving place to the idea of organization, co-operation and community interest. There might be some who would contend the church should not be used for any purpose, nor for any gathering except religious services. Why bless your soul such ideas were the popular belief at one time, but now they have gone and taken their places with the idea of burning the witches of the community that prevailed in the days of Roger Williams and Cotton Mather. It is just as religious to work and plan for those things that make for the general uplift and the general welfare as it is to have a proper regard for the Sunday services. Do you doubt this? If so, pick out some long-faced individual who is strong on the Sunday services, but who neglects all the material things and see what his neighbors think about him. The Scriptures tell us that "He that provideth not for his own is a heathen and shall be beaten with many stripes." The preacher and the teacher in every community should lead in this work.

Now it occurs to the Eagle that here is the field, or rather the opportunity, for giving employment to the great plant of the A. and M. College for the two or three months it now lies idle during the summer vacation. A great summer school could be built up here designed especially for rural teachers and rural preachers to give them a better knowledge of agriculture and also to teach them in this community work, this co-operative center for rural welfare. Education along this line would put into effect these ideas that have heretofore only been discussed. It would cement the people of rural communities in closer relationship and bring about a spirit of co-operation the like of which the world has never known before.

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## YOUR BETTER SELF.

You're not the wrong, you've committed,  
You're not the fault that is past;  
You're simply the good, ever present,  
The good that will last.

You're not the word that's called failure,  
You're what you're intended to be;  
Though the world pass on unheeding,  
God and the best of us see.

You're not the live coals of sinning,  
You're not the burn it will leave;  
You're simply your pure aspiration,  
Your earnest desire to retrieve.

You're not the list past reclaiming,  
Nor the soul took dark for the light  
To reach, that place of the "spirit"  
That is calm, that is true, that is right.

You're not the ashes remaining  
Of yesterday's burnt-out fire;  
You're simply by life's clean hearth-stone  
The light that mounts higher and higher.  
—G. M. Koehler in November Nautilus.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

W. C. Ruchti and Miss Lottie Whit-tam.  
Wilson Williams and Carrie Bell.  
Elijah Ogletree and Algie Huff.  
Johnnie Dunn and Chaney White.

# PROPOSALS MUST COME FROM ENEMY COUNTRIES

**German Chancellor Said Germany Would Discuss Peace Proposals If Made By Her Enemies and If Compatible With Germany's Dignity and Safety—Germany Is Conscious of Her Military Success and Declines Responsibility for Further Continuance of the War. The Chancellor Said Germany's Resources Were Sufficient for Several Years and the War Could End Only By a Peace That Would Guarantee That War Would Not Return. French Lines Holding Against Bulgarians. Russians Capture an Entire German Army Staff—A French Battalion Reported Wiped Out.**

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Germany, Dec. 9.—Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, in the Reichstag today, said if Germany's enemies should make peace proposals "compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, we shall always be ready to discuss them," but said "it was folly for Germany to propose peace as long as in the countries of our enemies, the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with the confusion of public opinion."

He said Germany was conscious of her military successes and declines responsibility for further continuation of the war and can not be charged with the purpose of fighting to make further conquest.

"The war can be terminated only by peace which will guarantee that war will not return."

The chancellor asserted that Germany's food supplies were sufficient, and her stores of copper adequate for many years.

**American Steamer Safe.**  
[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 9.—The American steamer Communipaw, reported sunk, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, yesterday for New York, according to an announcement by Lloyds.

**Greece Expected to Decide.**  
[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 9.—Excepting a small district near Ochrida Lake, in South-western Serbia, the Teutons have cleared Serbian soil of all Serbian troops, according to Berlin advices.

Saloniki dispatches state that, although the Bulgarians are vigorously attacking the new French lines in Southern Serbia, they have made no impression on the French defenses and have sustained heavy losses under French artillery fire.

German cavalry is reported near the Greek border and this, with the re-forming of the new allied lines close to the Greek frontier, it is believed, will cause Greece to decide quickly what position she will take if hostilities are transferred to her soil.

The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign are estimated at 240,000 men.

Little of interest has occurred on the other main fronts except in Bessarabia, where the Russians are showing unusual activity.

In Champagne, near Stouplet, the French artillery exploded a German munitions depot.

The French assert they made further progress in driving the Germans from the trenches in the Souain region which the latter recently captured.

Constantinople announces the Turks have advanced on Aden, in Southern Arabia, close to the Suez Canal.

**German Army Staff Captured.**  
[By Associated Press.] Petrograd, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the Eighty-Second German Army Division was captured by Russian scouts during a recent night raid and taken as prisoners into the Russian lines, according to unofficial reports here.

The captured staff includes two generals, one a division commander, seven staff officers and several Red Cross physicians. One colonel was killed while trying to escape.

**Two Steamers Sunk.**  
[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Verla and the Greek steamer Goulander, have been sunk. No details were given out.

**French Battalion Wiped Out.**  
[By Associated Press.] Sofia, Dec. 9.—The official statement dated Tuesday announces the annihilation of an entire French battalion by a Bulgarian bayonet attack in Southern Serbia.

**Took Germans From Steamer.**  
[By Associated Press.] San Juan, P. R., Dec. 9.—The Porto Rican liner Cosmo was stopped this morning by the French cruiser Descartes, which took four German firemen from the Cosmo on board the warship.

## MOVED TO CORPUS CHRISTI.

**R. E. Caldwell Made Farm Demonstration Agent of Nueces County.**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Caldwell left today for Corpus Christi, where they will make their home in future, Mr. Caldwell having accepted the position of agricultural demonstration agent for Nueces County. He expects to assume his new duties within the next few days.

Mr. Caldwell is a graduate of A. & M. College, completing the four-year course in agriculture, and for a few years was actively engaged in managing a farm, but for the past few months has been a member of the short course teams of the agricultural extension department of A. & M. College. He is well versed in modern farm methods and the commissioners of Nueces County are to be commended for their selection, as Mr. Caldwell is no doubt capable of handling the work given in his charge.

The best wishes of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell go with them to their new home.

Edge Dry Goods Company have 24 ladies' suits left; must be sold. On sale this week.

### Coughs and Hoarseness

seem to come with cold weather and are of a stubborn nature. They require prompt attention and an efficient medicine.

## SEVERA'S Balsam for Lungs

has been treating coughs, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, croup and whooping cough for the last thirty five years. It is an excellent and soothing preparation. We heartily recommend its use to all — young or old, children or adults. Price 25 and 50 cents.

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## JONES CAN'T PAY IT.

Jones has been paying the freight for a long time, but they have now piled it up so high on him, he just simply can't pay it and that's all there is to it. The appropriations program mapped out for the present congress is the most stupendous, the most staggering this country ever saw and poor old Jones' back will certainly break under the strain. Following is a summary of the amounts to be asked for for the several departments:

Legislative, \$7,573,372.  
Executive, \$30,807,505.  
Judicial, \$1,368,500.  
Agriculture, \$24,159,089.  
Foreign intercourse, \$5,426,699.  
Military, \$152,354,259.  
Naval, \$211,518,074.  
Indian affairs, \$10,175,036.  
Pensions, \$160,565,000.  
Panama Canal, \$27,535,469.  
Public Works, \$104,644,689.  
Postal service, \$316,364,879.  
Miscellaneous, \$98,290,563.  
Permanent appropriations, \$135,074,673.  
Grand total, \$1,285,857,808.

The government engineers ask for appropriations for rivers and harbors improvements amounting to \$46,000,000. Of this the following items are asked for Texas:

Galveston, \$150,000; channel, Galveston to Texas City, \$75,000; channel, Pass Cavallo to Port Lavaca, \$3,000; channel to Port Bolivar, \$25,000; Port Aransas, \$200,000; Sabine Pass, \$690,000; Houston Ship Channel, \$250,000; mouth of Brazos River, \$45,000; Sabine-Neches Canal, \$20,000; Brazos River, Velasco to Old Washington, \$20,000; Old Washington to Waco, \$250,000; Trinity River, \$50,000; West Galveston Bay Channel and adjacent streams, \$49,400; inland waterway on Texas coast, West Galveston-Brazos River section, \$15,000; Brazos River-Matagorda Bay section, \$30,000; Aransas Pass-Pass Cavallo section, \$30,000; channel to Victoria on Guadalupe River, \$23,500; channel, Aransas Pass to Corpus Christi, \$15,000; Cypress Bayou, \$5,000; Sulphur River, \$12,000.

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The Texas requests are modest compared to some of the other states where every lake, river and stream of every description is asked to be improved. In some of the states a million dollars would be a modest appropriation asked for the improvement of a creek no larger than Wixon or Carters creek in this county.

Poor old Jones. He had just as well give up the ghost and be done with it.

The people are groaning under the burden of taxation and yet there is no money to pay our public school teachers. A more disgraceful condition would be hard to imagine.

## OUR STUCK UP HENS.

Who would have thought that Brazos County hens and roosters would have ever attained the honor of filling the stomachs of hungry soldiers in the European war trenches? Yet there is no question but that very thing has happened, or will happen during the Christmas season. Just any old chicken will do for home consumption, but for the European trenches it is quite a distinction, and those denizens of the farm yards of Brazos County that have gone to those far countries, no doubt feel themselves honored far beyond their fellows whose bones are picked closer home. Relative to the poultry shipments from this country to Europe, the Houston Post says:

"The New York Commercial says that contracts covering a total of 2,000,000 pounds of dressed poultry have been placed with operators in that market by English buyers, shipments to be made and completed in the next few weeks. It is asserted, says the Commercial, on the best authority that close to 1,000,000 pounds have been shipped and that approximately 400,000 pounds are ready for shipment on steamships due to sail this week.

"Exporters and those having contracts on these orders with English houses are reticent and decline to disclose the ultimate destination of the shipments, but the talk in the market is that the fowls are to be used for supplying food to the men in the trenches. The export movement, including the contracts already booked, is the largest on record. This means, said a prominent operator, that the supplies of this country will be drawn upon steadily and for the

three to four-pound birds we are likely to see a much higher level of values than are now ruling.

"In the opinion of some of the best posted factors in that city there is a certainty that the export demand will keep up as long as the war lasts. It's up to the Texas people to supply a large proportion of these exports. Give the Texas hen a fair chance and she will do her part."

## PREPAREDNESS.

If the nations of the world are to rest their civilization upon the principles of armaments, then the question uppermost in the minds of thinking people is how large must the armaments be in order to secure peace? When will the thing stop? Will they all stop on the same level? Would it not be wiser for the leaders and rulers of nations to get together in a spirit of justice and humanity and inaugurate a great plan for peace? There is such a thing as going so far in the building of armaments and imposing burdens upon the taxpayers as to destroy patriotism. And how is a nation to maintain itself after patriotism has been destroyed? The world gives no account of a soldiery equal to the armies that fought on both sides in our own great civil war. They came, not from a standing army, but flew to arms from the farms, the shops, the counting rooms, the factories, and all the other walks and peaceful pursuits. In less than three months after the war was declared, two of the bravest and best disciplined and most patriotic armies that ever responded to their country's call were engaged in the fiercest catastrophe of history, and the old military countries of Europe were appalled at the superior skill and strategy and the military genius displayed in that dreadful conflict. If our country divided, and fighting against each other without "preparedness," could excel in military genius, all the military nations of the earth, what would be the result if a foreign foe should attempt to invade this nation with its hundred millions, united, the most resourceful of any people on the earth, and all inspired by the same principle of self defense? But there is no danger of trouble with any foreign nation. The warring nations will not get over this fight in a half century, and Japan is yet bleeding at every financial pore on account of her recent war with Russia.—Colonel R. T. Milner, in the Rusk County News.

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT.

If our recollection does not trick us, one of the complaints of the Whilom Populists was the practice of nepotism by the Democrats and the Republicans.

Nepotism is defined as undue favoritism to one's relations.

"Cyclone" Davis was a leading light in the Populist party.

"Cyclone" is a congressman at Washington and he has chosen his son for his private secretary.

But let us be just; "Cyclone" is now a Democrat.—Waco Times-Herald.

"Cyclone" has another son with his head, neck and nearly all his backbone rammed into the public crib holding down a fat government job in the Philippines. But as you say, the Davis family are Democrats and what are we here for?

## ALVIN SILVER CONTEST.

Answers That Won the Local and National Prizes.

Following are the answers in the Alvin silver contest which won the grand prize and the local prize. The first is the answer sent by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, winning the local prize:

The bride's story is told in the glint of the eyes

And reflected again in the silver she spies.

"Alvin Silver!!" gifts for my wedding, says she.

"It's the best on earth," adds her friends, "Believe me."

"Beautiful, elegant, rich in design; Plate, "Long Life," "I wish it were mine."

Following is the answer sent by Miss Ruby M. Hall of Cherokee, Iowa, that won the national prize:

"And Peggy, can you guess why this gift makes me happiest?"

"Because his mother sent it?"

"Partly, but mostly because this rhyme came with it."

"With Alvin Silver to help you, Be it pie, pudding or cake, He'll never once think of The kind I used to make."

Now is the time for the farmers to use their brains on next year's crop. That brains count and count largely in the farm the same as in every other business, all are now thoroughly convinced. The whole crop should be planned now—the acreage to be devoted to each product, the garden, the dairy, the orchard, the fences, the selection of corn and cotton seed, in fact, every detail should be worked out now. These things should not be left until the farmer comes face to face with them when they must be decided right then. Work them out now while there is time for study and deliberate action. One day of thoughtful planning now is worth a month of nervous, haphazard work next spring.

The Eagle is anxious to see the poultry show to be held in Bryan Jan. 6 and 7 made a grand success. The poultry business properly conducted can be made a splendid revenue producer for any community, and by thorough organization and co-operation here, with the aid of the A. and M. College at our very doors, this should be one of our largest money crops. There is money in poultry if we only go after it and the proposed show will give a great stimulus to the industry. The Eagle offers its columns to the promoters of the show to give it the widest publicity.

And why should the member bank have to pay interest to the reserve bank? When you have got a satisfactory answer to that question, reader, you will have solved the currency question and the matter of high rates.—Waco Times-Herald.

When the member banks pay the reserve bank 6 per cent interest and the individual pays the member bank 10 per cent, it requires no difficult calculation to show that the nation's money is drawing 16 per cent. Jones, he pays the freight.

Our idea of a perfectly poised and perfectly administered government, is one where from any cause its revenues may be reduced below normal, its expenditures may be reduced accordingly and the balance be automatically maintained and adjusted. Justice for all and equality before the law, it seems to us, would demand that in times of stress expenses be lowered, rather than the people burdened with extra taxation. Our dream may be Utopian, but it is of pleasing prospect.

Let us indulge the hope that President Wilson's and Mr. McAdoo's multitudinous, constantly increasing, far reaching and cunningly devised schemes for increasing the burden of taxation, will not create such prejudice against the administration as will result in its defeat at the polls.

# Christmas Here Again!

And finds us with an unusually large stock of goods on hand. I bought these goods right and am going to sell my Christmas stock right. The season finds us with the greatest variety of holiday packages in the well known and famous brands, such as Harper's Rye, Paul Jones, Cold Tea, F. G. Craig, Four-Roses and many other brands of

## Malt, Sour Mash

AND RYE WHISKIES

And all kinds of Wines, American and Imported. I invite the trade of Brazos and surrounding counties to come in and make your purchases. Let me fill your Christmas Jugs.

## The Royal Saloon

Joe Groginski, Prop.

BRYAN, TEXAS

# Holiday Excursion Fares!

STATE AND INTERSTATE VIA

New through Galveston train arriving 9:25 a. m.



Sleepers on night trains to Houston, Waco, Ft. Worth, Austin, Palestine

FOR PARTICULARS SEE

H. N. SANDALL, Ticket Agt.

Reports show that revenue collected under the income tax law greatly increased during the present year over last year. They "combed" them cleaner this year than last and if the changes that are proposed by Mr. Wilson and Mr. McAdoo are made, nobody will escape, not even the ditch diggers and cotton pickers. The revenue has got to come regardless of whether poor old Jones is able to stand up under the load or not.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to think when he "stopped his paper" the publication would cease? He is surely somewhere—Georgetown Commercial.

He is keeping company with the fellow who thought if he did not supply the editor with clippings to "fill up with," the paper would have to go to press with half the pages blank.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is a great general and we would not detract from his glory, but pause merely to correct the impression that he is on the firing line at the front sharing the hardships and dangers with the troops in line. Von Hindenburg is directing operations from the magnificent castle in Posen, far removed from all danger of shot and shell.

As we have no factories and are forced to depend entirely upon the products of the farm, it is evident we must make a crop before we feel the effect of the prosperity that is reported to be running rampant all over the country. Overflows for several years in successions, the boll weevils and the great August storm have about got our goat.

The Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive. There are no conditions to it at all, only a plain, straightforward statement. All who follow the course laid down in holy writ during this Christmas season, will find far greater happiness than those who go in a contrawise direction.

St. Louis had the Democratic National Convention in 1904, just eleven years ago. St. Louis seems to be of the genus hog. At the last sitting of the august body in that city Alton B. Parker was nominated as the party's standard bearer. Let us indulge the hope that its next entry will be a swifter horse.

So far we have not seen a single blow in the Navasota Examiner where any of Ed Blackshear's friends have brought him in great hunks of country sausage, spare ribs, backbone, hog jowl, turnip greens, etc. What you been doing to the boys, Ed?

By this time next year Bryan will have a system of good roads leading out in every direction and the farmers can come into the city "dry shod," as it were. The thought is inspiring, isn't it?

Congressmen Jeff: McLeMore arrived in Washington on Dec. 5 and we received a parcel of seeds from him on the 9th. That's by "return of mail," as they say in Arkansas.

One of the sweetest, most joyous Christmas presents one can possibly receive, is the light of joy and happiness dancing in the eyes of a little child, the result of something you have done for it.

It takes a poll tax receipt to have a part in naming the next president of the United States.

## BANKS RECEIVE WARNING.

All of the banks of Grimes County have received warning of a band of robbers operating out of Chicago. There is supposed to be several members of this gang working in Texas, though it has not been definitely determined which end of the state they are operating from. In all events it was thought best to notify all banks to be more watchful than ordinary, in order that a hold-up be prevented if possible.—Navasota Examiner.

## TEXAS IRISH POTATOES ARE \$1.07 PER BUSHEL.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The recent report issued by the bureau of crop estimates gives the price of Texas Irish potatoes at \$1.07 per bushel, which is next to the highest price paid for potatoes anywhere in the United States and is only a few cents lower than the price in South Carolina, where this product sells for an average of \$1.10 per bushel.

Based on this price the Texas Irish potato crop this year will net the producers approximately \$3,200,000.

WM. B. CLINE, M. D.  
Practice Limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat  
521 Commerce Building  
Phones—Residence 622, Office

# New Blacksmith Shop

We have purchased the Plasek blacksmith shop on West Anderson street and invite the people of Brazos County to call when in need of anything in our line. We make a specialty of horse-shoeing.

GRIFFIN BROTHERS

Old Plasek Stand

# MULES!

A good selection of all classes on hand. Freight prepaid to your station; cash or terms. Write, phone or come.—I. N. CONYERS, Marlin, Texas.

# We are Slightly Disfigured But Still in the Ring

With a stock of clean, up-to-date Hardware, Stoves, Cutlery, etc. We sell the J. I. Case line of plows and implements, Empress and 20th Century corn and cotton planters; in fact, everything you need and want on the farm. Give us a show, we are loyal taxpayers and citizens of your community, and we ask you kindly to give us some of your business. We are always ready, glad and willing to meet you half way. Come to see us; let's do business

We are yours very truly,

MYERS HARDWARE CO.



## LOCALS

## WEDNESDAY

Rev. R. J. Brown went to Dallas on business last night.

W. S. and Sam Jones of Harvey visited the city today.

J. L. Goodson of Wellborn was a visitor to Bryan today.

J. S. Doane went to Groesbeck on a brief business trip today.

Mrs. Gorie Neeley of Wellborn was shopping in the city today.

Mrs. Mack Rembert is visiting relatives and friends in Calvert.

Mrs. W. S. Stuart went to Wortham today on a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Martin were here from Steep Hollow today.

C. A. Robinson and Joe Melcher of Wellborn were in town today.

Mrs. A. Stafford has returned from a visit to relatives in Houston.

H. Hodges and O. Alexander of John Park were in town on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Huggins and daughter were visitors to Bryan today from Kurten.

George Stephan left yesterday on a business trip to Houston and Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullock were among the visitors to the city today from Steep Hollow.

R. S. Newsom and John Eisenbech were in town transacting business today from the Brazos bottom.

Col. C. N. Ousley, head of the extension department of the A. & M. College, has returned from New Orleans, where he attended the Southern States Bankers and Planters' Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Graham and daughter, Miss Lucille, and Miss Fenie Graham were among the Wellborn visitors in the city today.

Mrs. O. F. Nugent has returned to her home in Houston, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. J. Ratliff.

O. L. Cook was called to his home in Comanche yesterday on account of the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Fahey of Navasota are here for a visit to their daughter, Miss Lois Fahey, who is attending school at Villa Maria Academy.

## THURSDAY

W. P. Means was here today from Independence.

Miss Emily Jones of Harvey visited the city today.

J. S. Jenkins of Mumfres was a visitor to Bryan today.

S. J. Creagor of Houston was in the city on business today.

J. W. Sheppard was a visitor to the city from Kurten today.

J. M. Adkins of Rock Prairie was trading in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley visited the city today from Reliance.

Mrs. B. Shiba was among the College visitors to the city today.

T. T. Goodwin was in the city today from his home at Providence.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley of Reliance were visitors to the city today.

J. W. Leigh of Navasota was among the guests at Hotel Bryan today.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Closs of Cottonwood were visitors to the city today.

W. L. Closs, merchant of Harris school house, was in town on business today.

Mrs. R. H. Seale and Mrs. Betty Bell of Benchley were shopping in the city today.

George Stephan has returned from a business trip to Houston and Brownwood.

Miss Rowena Rhodes went to Houston yesterday for a visit to her aunt, Mrs. John Q. Tabor.

T. H. Curry of Port Arthur is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Curry of Wheelock.

Joe Sheppard of Colorado is here for a visit to his father, Mr. J. W. Sheppard of Kurten.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stafford of Birmingham, Ala., arrived today for a brief visit in this city.

W. H. McVey of Minter Springs visited the city today on business. Mr. McVey reports that his daughter, Miss Jewel McVey, who has been seriously ill for several months, has improved very much and is able to be up.

R. L. Brogdon went to Montgomery yesterday for a visit to his brother, J. V. Brogdon and family, where he will enjoy a few days hunting in Montgomery County.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Fahey have returned to their home in Navasota, after visiting their daughter, Miss Lois Fahey at Villa Maria Academy.

Mrs. Frank Clarke and children arrived yesterday from Fort Worth and will again make their home in Bryan. They will be joined here by Mr. Clarke in the next few days.

Mrs. M. Spence, representing a popular candy company of Atlanta Ga., has gone to other points in her territory, after placing a large supply of Christmas candies with local agents here.

C. M. Evans went to Eagle Pass today to join the short course team of the agricultural extension department of the A. & M. College. From Eagle Pass the team will go to El Paso County, where they will conduct a short course next week. Mr. Evans will lecture on live stock.

M. J. Tremonte, an Italian farmer of the Alexander community, has just shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market. There were twenty-two head which were reported in good condition.

H. G. Umland has returned from Waller, where he was a member of a big party of hunters from that place who spent about eight days hunting in Southeast Texas. He reports an abundance of game, there being two deer and a large number of squirrels and ducks killed by the party.

## FRIDAY

N. F. Outlaw was here today from Reliance.

S. S. Clay of Navasota was in the city today.

Joe Goldenberg went to Dallas on business today.

C. C. Morgan was in the city today from Reliance.

Bob Batten of Cottonwood was in the city today.

J. L. Cobb of Cottonwood was here on business today.

District Attorney W. C. Davis spent yesterday in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gandy of Rock Prairie visited the city today.

J. S. Doane has returned from a brief business trip to Groesbeck.

C. H. B. Graham was among the Harvey visitors to the city today.

City Marshal W. E. Bailey was a visitor to Bryan from Navasota today.

D. J. Barnes has returned to Houston, after a business trip to this city.

J. M. Williams was in the city today from his home on Green's Prairie.

J. W. Leigh returned to Navasota yesterday, after a brief visit to friends in this city.

Mrs. J. M. Olsen and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were visitors to the city today from Steep Hollow.

S. J. Creagor of the Houston Brewing Company returned to Houston yesterday, after a business trip to this city.

C. Nordstrom, who is rebuilding the Burleson County levee along the Brazos River, reports that the work is progressing satisfactorily and with continued good weather should be completed within about two months.

Mrs. J. M. Thibodeaux returned to her home in Fort Worth today, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morgan of Reliance, and other relatives and friends in this city.

R. M. Vick, a local confectioner, has added an oyster and sandwich department to his establishment and is now prepared to serve oysters in any style and can prepare sandwiches of any description. Mr. Vick extends an invitation to all to give his new department a trial.

Mrs. J. T. Evans and Mrs. Leila Evans and children have returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Dallas. The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that Master T. P. Evans, her youngest son, who has been so seriously ill in Dallas for several days, is very much improved.

Dr. Mae Adams of the Bryan Hospital went to Houston yesterday afternoon to hear John McCormack, the great Irish singer, who was in that city last night under the auspices of the Houston Treble Clef Club.

## SATURDAY

W. D. Stallings of Tabor was in town today.

W. R. Henry of Edge was trading in the city today.

T. G. Heslep of Caldwell was a visitor to the city on business today.

M. B. Easters and J. H. Easters were in town from Kurten today.

Miss Nora Goodson was in the city from the Brazos bottom shopping today.

H. Wampler, state internal revenue inspector, was in the city today on business.

Prof. W. L. Powers was up from Millican today and was an appreciated caller at the Eagle office.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ventrek and Mrs. S. Ventrek visited the city from Wheelock today.

Mrs. W. M. Griffin and Mrs. O. H. Griffin of Hearne arrived yesterday for a visit to relatives in this city.

City Marshal W. E. Bailey returned to Navasota yesterday, after a brief visit in this city.

Prof. Husley of Rice Institute at Houston has been a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Blodgett of College Station.

Miss Mary James has returned from a pleasant visit to Miss Ruth Curtin of Houston.

Misses Jessie Baker and Claudia Steele of Navasota are guests of friends in this city.

Mrs. Devalson Buchanan and Miss Fae Buchanan were visitors to the city from Harvey today.

Mrs. John Capker and Miss Rosa Kopecky of Benchley were shopping in the city today.

Mrs. W. M. Bossey returned to her home in Navasota yesterday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Moehlman.

Mrs. M. G. Nall and little daughter have returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends in North and South Carolina and in Virginia.

Little Miss Dorothy Thompson, a student of Villa Maria Academy, has gone to her home in Waco to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Bernice Carter of College Station, head of the State Canning Club work, has gone to Washington, D. C., on business.

Mrs. P. S. Tilson has returned to her home in Houston, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. J. Parker. She was accompanied by Mrs. John K. Parker.

## MONDAY

Tom Closs was in town today from Edge.

John Jones was in town from Harvey today.

C. P. Foster was in town from Rosprim today.

J. H. Hearn of Kurten was in town trading today.

P. H. Arrington of Millican visited the city today.

W. Rigby went to Marlin on business yesterday.

John Kosarek of Riverside was in town on business today.

C. M. Risinger of Steep Hollow was trading in the city today.

S. S. Clay was a visitor to the city yesterday from Navasota.

Miss Ada Field has returned from a visit to her home in Calvert.

T. A. Hensarling of Steep Hollow was a visitor to the city today.

John Newcomb and John Lloyd of Reliance were visitors to the city today.

W. E. Graham was in town from

Rock Prairie today looking after business matters.

Devalson Buchanan of Harvey has returned from a business trip to Houston.

Mrs. H. G. Umland has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Navasota.

Miss Claudia Steele has returned to Navasota, after a brief visit to friends in this city.

Henry Hanover and mother, Mrs. W. S. Hanover, were visitors to Bryan from Wheelock today.

Mrs. J. W. Holloway arrived today from La Grange for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boyett.

Miss Ruby Hinmann of New Braunfels arrived yesterday and is a guest of relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ratliff have returned to Ennis, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Y. Gilpin.

Miss Myrtle Josey has returned to her home in Benchley, after a visit to friends in this city.

Mrs. Sam Dunn Jr. and daughter, Miss Frances Dunn, and Miss Doris Killough of Wheelock were shopping in the city today.

Mrs. P. E. Swancoat has returned from Houston, where she was called on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. G. C. Street Jr., who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. Her many friends in this city will be glad to learn the operation was successful and that she is rapidly recovering.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Searcy and little daughter spent yesterday with Dr. Searcy's parents, Captain and Mrs. A. J. Searcy.

Mrs. Ernest Reed and little son, Douglass, returned to their home in Houston yesterday, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in this city.

Mrs. C. L. Pitcher of Vancouver, Wash., who has been a guest of relatives and friends in this city for the past few days, went to Houston for a visit to relatives yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcox and daughter left yesterday for their home in North Dakota, after a visit to relatives in this city and at Tabor, having come by Bryan en route from the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

## TUESDAY

A. B. McSwain was here today from Rock Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carril of Rock Prairie visited the city today.

C. M. Spann of Navasota was in the city on business yesterday.

F. D. Perkins of McKinney is a guest of relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Closs of Cottonwood were visitors to the city today.

Mrs. W. E. Battle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Royder of Wellborn.

R. H. Waller has returned from Fort Worth, where he spent Saturday and Sunday at his home.

J. P. Royder was in town on business today from Wellborn.

R. M. Gordon of Houston is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Saunders.

Will C. Johnson of Beaumont was among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

Mrs. S. M. Alford of Splendora, Texas, arrived today for a visit to relatives in this city.

J. L. Broach and daughters, Misses Gladys and Laura, were among the visitors to the city from Tabor today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Wilcox were here today from the Alexander community.

Dr. B. U. Sims and Messrs. O. E. Saunders and H. N. Rohde left yesterday afternoon for Richmond, Tex., where they will be members of a party of hunters.

J. S. Doane, proprietor of Hotel Bryan, went to Fort Worth today to attend the Hotel Men's State Convention.

Mrs. Jesse Bland of Marlin went to Calvert today for a visit to relatives, after a visit to relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin, Mrs. J. H. Worley and Mrs. R. McDonald of Normangee were visitors to Bryan today.

Miss Josie Findley and Mrs. A. W. Royder of Wellborn were shopping in the city today.

Judge W. J. Moore was in the city today from his home near Benchley.

Rev. C. T. Tally, pastor of the First Methodist Church, went to Hearne today to attend the missionary conference of the Marlin district, which meets in that city today and tomorrow.

Ned Horton of the Kyle Automobile Company of Houston was here today demonstrating the Oakland automobile. Mr. Horton is endeavoring to place an agency for the Oakland car in Bryan.

J. C. Vick, a member of the firm of Vick Brothers, reports that indications several days ago were that alfalfa was doomed to drop to the lowest price in its history, but a contract from the allies in the European war

for several hundred cars, has forced the price up \$2.50 per ton.

Jack Glover, colored, was tried by jury in the justice court before Justice L. D. McGee this morning on charges of abusive language and simple assault. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was discharged.

## LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Eggs 30c per dozen.  
Butter 25c per lb.  
Hens 7c per lb.  
Fryers 11c per lb.  
Broilers 11c per lb.  
Geese \$3.00 to \$4.00 per doz.  
Turkeys 11c per lb.  
Turkeys 12c per lb.  
Cows 4c to 4½c per lb.  
Calves 5c per lb.  
Steers 5c per lb.  
Hogs 6c to 6½c per lb.  
Oats 47c per bu.  
Corn 72c per bu.  
Prairie hay \$10.00 per ton.  
Bermuda hay \$12.00 per ton.  
Alfalfa \$18.50 per ton.  
Green hides 7c per lb.  
Dry hides 10c per lb.  
Butterfat 30c per lb.

## BRAZOS COUNTY GINNINGS.

According to figures furnished the Eagle by Ed S. Derden, county ginning enumerator, 15,598 bales of cotton had been ginned in Brazos County prior to Dec. 1, 1915, and compared with 19,720 bales ginned prior to Dec. 1, 1914, showing a decrease of 4,122 bales for this year.

## BUCKNER ORPHANS' HOME.

Thirty-nine years ago Dr. Buckner founded this home in Dallas for orphan children, old ministers and needy old ladies. Though Dr. Buckner is Baptist the home is undenominational toward the need and among the ten thousand children for whom Dr. Buckner has cared there have been representatives of almost every religious sect.

The home is supported by voluntary contributions, and at present owing to the war conditions, the floods and the drouth, the subscriptions have been much smaller than usual and at this Christmas time Dr. Buckner is in very great need of our help.

Next Sunday is Buckner Orphans' Home day at the First Baptist Church. Come and lend your presence and if possible assist in the offering which will be taken at the close of the service.

## A MEMBER OF THE Y. W. A.

## TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Corpus Christi.—Believing in the slogan, "It Pays to Advertise," has caused Mayor Miller of this city to evolve a plan whereby a fund of \$15,000 for the advertising of Corpus Christi's resources can be raised by municipal taxation. Property owners would bear the greater portion of the burden and the plan has already been approved by them and it is practically assured the money will be raised at an early date and systematically expended for the advancement of Corpus Christi.

Denison.—The employees of the Katy machine shops in this city are working several hours over time every week and are also putting in a number of hours each Sunday in an effort to supply the increasing demand for freight cars in various sections of the state. This time in 1914 the shops were closed practically half of the time and only a small force was employed.

Sulphur Springs.—Advocates of the \$400,000 good road bond election to be held here Dec. 18 are planning a complete victory for their forces and are conducting a systematic campaign in the interest of the project. If successful, the proceeds will be expended in improving the public highways in Precinct No. 1 of this county.

Donna.—The Rio Grande Sugar Mill at this place which is owned by New York parties will open for operation shortly, according to word recently received from the officials of the concern. A prosperous season is anticipated and preparations for a busy period are being made.

Beeville.—The Bluefield Fruit and Steamship Company of Central America has recently purchased twelve head of fine Durham bulls from a local stockman and is now preparing to transfer the animals to their ranch in Central America. They will be used for breeding purposes only.

DR. W. H. LAWRENCE  
DENTIST

Phone—Residence 558; Office 531.  
Commerce Building  
Bryan, Texas.

## Problems For Nov. and Dec.

**Next Year's Cotton Seed**—Anthracnose, or cotton boll rot, has infected all cotton seed grown east of a line running from Wichita Falls south through Llan, Austin Bastrop and Bay City. All farmers east of that line should plow under or cut and burn all cotton stalks and get seed for next year's planting from points west of that line. To plant infected seed will mean disaster to the crop next spring and summer. An opportunity for profitable cooperation is presented to farmers on both sides of the line. Those on the infected side should get together, combine their orders and buy seed in bulk. Farmers in the non-infested area should unite and seek a market for their surplus seed.

**The Boll Weevil**—There are more boll weevils in the cotton fields of Texas than at any time in the history of the state. The menace to next year's crop is very great. All cotton stalks should have been plowed under or burned before this time, but if this has not been done no time should be lost in attending to this important matter. If the weevils are not destroyed before they go into winter quarters it will be hazardous to plant cotton on the land next year.

The above is copied from Extension Service Farm News—issued semi-monthly at College Station. These bulletins contain valuable information to farmers. They can be obtained for the asking. Get your name on the mailing list.

## Bryan Cotton Oil &amp; Fertilizer Co.

A Home Institution



# PEOPLE WANT PEACE IF REVOLUTION REQUIRED

**Violent Peace Riots Have Occurred in Berlin and Other German Cities and Store and Cafe Windows Were Smashed—Soldiers Present Took Active Part in Disturbance and Police Had to Charge the Crowds to Restore Order. The People Want Peace, but Believe Nothing Short of Revolution Will Induce German Officials to Consent to Peace—The Pope Sends Message to German Emperor With Recommendations for Peace—United States May Break Diplomatic Relations With Austria-Hungary—Allies May Abandon Serbia. French Cruiser Fired on American Steamer. Allies May Demand Greece to Declare Herself at Once.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Berne, Dec. 10.—Dispatches from German correspondents say violent peace demonstrations have taken place in Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig. The police were obliged to charge the crowds in Berlin, it is said, where store and cafe windows were smashed during the rioting. Soldiers in the crowd, it is reported, took an active part in the disturbances. The correspondent adds the conviction prevails among the masses that only a revolutionary outbreak would force Germany to make peace.

## Pope Sends Kaiser Message.

[By Associated Press.]  
Rome, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, left Rome last night after seeing the pope. The cardinal said he was the bearer of a message for Emperor William, and which contained recommendations for peace.

## War Summary on All Fronts.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 10.—The press comment here indicates the British capital considers the situation of the allied armies in the Balkans as grave, following their withdrawal after the recent clashes with the Bulgarians.

According to information in the military quarter at Berlin the Anglo-French expedition has already evacuated Serbian territory. Contradicting this is a Saloniki report stating that no serious action took place, although the allied troops retired from their position.

Austria reports successful continuance of operations against the Serbians and Montenegrins, and the capture of more than a 1,000 prisoners. The Austrians are also reported to have captured a part of the Italian position near Dolje, northwest of Tolma.

The report from Constantinople says the Turks are gaining the ascendancy in Mesopotamia and the British expedition is offering less effective resistance.

The western front is the scene of hard fighting, the Germans relinquishing all but a small part of the advanced French trench captured by them near Souain.

There is nothing important on the other fronts.

## Danish Steamer Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 10.—The Danish steamship Minsk has been sunk. The crew was saved.

## Allies to Abandon Serbia.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, Dec. 10.—The Reuter Saloniki correspondent telegraphs what intimates that the entente allies contemplate the evacuation of Serbian territory. He quotes the French general staff as saying the allies are retiring because at the moment Serbia is fully out of reckoning and the allied presence in Serbian territory is no longer necessary, and Bulgarian successes are nothing more than the occupation of territory no longer disputed by the allies.

## U. S. May Break With Austria.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary is in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the demands of the American note to Vienna for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and reparation be complied with, it became known this afternoon.

## French Fired on American Ship.

[By Associated Press.]  
San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 10.—Four blank and two solid shots were fired

by the French cruiser Descartes in holding up the American steamer Coamo yesterday. The French lieutenant who boarded the Coamo said orders were given to take all subjects of Germany and her allies from crews, beginning Dec. 8 and to take all such persons from among the passengers after Dec. 18.

## Put Screws to Greece.

[By Associated Press.]  
Paris, France, Dec. 10.—According to reports published this afternoon, the entente allies will demand of Greece that she immediately state her position.

## GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE COTTON CROP

Total Crop Five Million Bales Behind Last Year—Report Is Bullish.

Washington, Dec. 10.—This year's cotton crop will amount to 11,161,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, exclusive of linters, the department of agriculture announced today in its final cotton report of the season. That compares with 16,134,930 bales last year, 14,156,486 bales in 1913 and 13,033,235 bales, the average total production, exclusive of linters for the five years, 1909-1913.

The final official figures giving the exact size of this year's crop will be issued by the census bureau next March when complete statistics from the ginneries have been compiled.

The estimated production, exclusive of linters, by states follows:

States—	1915.
Virginia .....	16,000
North Carolina .....	808,000
South Carolina .....	1,160,000
Georgia .....	1,900,000
Florida .....	50,000
Alabama .....	1,050,000
Mississippi .....	940,000
Louisiana .....	360,000
Texas .....	3,175,000
Arkansas .....	785,000
Tennessee .....	295,000
Missouri .....	52,000
Oklahoma .....	630,000
California .....	34,000
All other states .....	6,000

## TO PROBE GREAT FIRE AT HOPEWELL

Virginia Town Located by Dupont Powder Company, Wiped Out by Fire.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, Dec. 10.—The department of justice today ordered an investigation into the cause of a fire last night at Hopewell, Va., which destroyed four hundred houses and caused a loss of \$1,000,000. The Dupont explosive plant was located there.

## U. S. ARTILLERY LEAVING BORDER

[By Associated Press.]  
Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 10.—Two batteries of the Fifth United States Artillery entrained here today for home barracks at Fort Sill, Okla.

## DALLAS LOST GREAT CONVENTION FIGHT

St. Louis Selected for Next National Democratic Gathering—Dallas Led Chicago.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Democratic national committee, in session here Tuesday, selected St. Louis as the meeting place of the 1916 Democratic national convention.

The vote on the first ballot was: St. Louis 26, Dallas 14, Chicago 12. Texas then moved to make it unanimous for St. Louis and this was done. June 14 was fixed as the date for the convention.

While the Texans who came to Washington to work for Dallas in the effort to bring the 1916 Democratic presidential convention to Texas were sadly disappointed over the action of the national committee, yet there is not a man who is not pleased with the showing that was made and who does not realize that much good has been accomplished in the way of putting Texas and the great Southwest before the East and before the eyes of the great political organizations of the country.

## Texans Will Remain Loyal.

When the Democratic march is made upon St. Louis on June 14 next, there will be no more loyal delegates to that convention than those assembled from Texas. It is realized that the Missouri city had a powerful argument to put before the national committee and it was on that showing that St. Louis won. It is conceded that but for the action of Texas, and it was the support Dallas received from all sections of the state that made it possible for her to conduct the sort of fight she made, it is doubtful if St. Louis or any other city striving for the honor of entertaining the convention would have placed before the committee a certified check for \$100,000. A member of the St. Louis delegation said that Baltimore won the 1912 convention by reason of putting up the money and when St. Louis learned that Dallas had raised a purse the Missourians profiting by their experience of four years ago, realized that their only hope of scoring a victory rested in their raising an equally large sum to swell the purse of the national committee.

St. Louis, in order to win the convention, used every ounce of her political strength and that of Missouri. Speaker Clark and United States Senators Stone and Reed personally appealed to every member of the committee to vote for St. Louis in order to save Missouri to the Democrats in the next national election. Senator Reed represented to the committee that by placing the convention in St. Louis their action would save his seat in the United States senate, and thus they might aid materially in holding the senate for the democracy.

## J. T. CARTLEDGE DEAD.

Former Citizen of Brazos County Died at Normangee.

The friends of J. T. Cartledge, a former Brazos County resident, will regret very much to learn of his death at his home in Normangee Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Dec. 5, after a very brief illness of one day with pneumonia. He was 57 years of age and was a resident of Brazos County for a number of years, making his home in the Prospect community. He was a progressive farmer and was among the leaders of the community during his residence there. He moved with his family to Normangee, Leon County, three years ago, where he has made his home since. He was a good Christian gentleman and was honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow men. His many friends express heartfelt sympathy for the members of the family in their great loss.

He is survived by his widow and seven children, two sons, Arthur and Paul Cartledge, and five daughters, Mrs. A. H. Humphreys of San Antonio and Misses Inez, Bessie, Winnie and Pearl Cartledge.

The remains were brought to Prospect for interment and were laid to rest Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Kizer family burying ground.

## SHIPPED CAR OF CATTLE.

Claude B. Moore and W. E. Cloud, two well-known cattlemen of this county, shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market yesterday. There were twenty-five head of the cattle. A large number of cattle have been shipped from Brazos County this year, and Messrs. Moore and Cloud have been among the most active of the shippers.

Edge Dry Goods Company will sell what they have left in millinery for about 25c on the dollar.

## DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP IN HOUSTON

[By Associated Press.]  
Houston, Tex., Dec. 11.—An unmasked bandit at the point of a pistol today robbed George F. Horton, a contractor, of a \$500 payroll. Bloodhounds are on the trail.

## THE CULTIVATED HILL LANDS MUST BE TERRACED.

We believe the South is more and more coming to see that soil conservation is one of our very biggest problems, and this is well, for soil fertility is the basis on which a very large part of our rural wealth and welfare must rest.

And we are coming to see the true greatness of this problem, we are coming to see as never before that our cultivated hill lands must be terraced if they are to be saved from erosion and ruin. It is idle to say that deep plowing will keep hill lands from washing; it is futile to say that all these lands should be kept in grass. Deep plowing and humus will not alone keep such lands from washing, and the time will never be when large areas of such lands all over the South will not be in clean cultured crops. Knowing that we, our children and our grandchildren will in all likelihood continue to grow cotton and corn on these rolling fields, what can we do to save them from the devastation that has come to uncared for hill lands the world over?

First of all, we must terrace them, carrying our terrace lines around the hillsides in such a way that the excess rainfall will be carried away slowly, without washing the soil. Except along our rivers and in the flat coastal plain sections, we regard terraces, or at least laying off the rows along contour lines around the hillside, absolutely essential. And now, with the coming of the broad, cultivated terrace, which admits of the cultivation of every part of the field and the use of all sorts of improved machinery, there is little valid excuse for any of the prejudice against terraces. On the other hand, there are plenty of sound arguments in their favor.

By all means plow deep and fill your lands with humus; by all means grow a winter cover crop on every possible acre. But when you have done these things, make assurance doubly sure by terracing with broad terraces every field that threatens to wash. It is a most satisfying thing indeed, when the floods come, to get out over your fields and see the plant food that cost you hard dollars and hard work staying where you want it to stay. And, incidentally, this is good farming.—The Progressive Farmer.

## OPPORTUNITY.

(By Walter Malone.)

They do me wrong, who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;

For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not, for precious chances passed away;

Weep not, for golden ages on the wane!  
Each night I burn the record of the day:

At sunrise, every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy, at splendors that have sped;  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

My judgment seal the dead past with its dead,  
But never blind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;

I lend my arm to all who say, "I can!"  
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep

But yet might rise and be again a man!  
Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aglaze?

Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?  
Then, turn from blotted archives of the past

And find the future's pages white as snow!  
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell!

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven!  
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell!

Each night a star, to guide thy feet to heaven!

## HOKE SMITH MAKES STRONG PROTEST

Asks That Great Britain Be Asked to Stop Interfering With Neutral Commerce.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, speaking in the senate today, called upon congress to insist that Great Britain cease interference with neutral commerce.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN THE BOLL WEEVIL COMES.

Upon Progressive Farmer readers everywhere in newly infested boll weevil territory we would impress the fact that there is no occasion for alarm and panic. True, the coming of the weevil to any cotton country, particularly south of the latitude of Birmingham and Atlanta, is a serious problem; but no problem has ever been successfully met and solved by fright and demoralization. The only proper and sensible course is first to learn what is necessary in the fight against the weevil, and then thoroughly apply what has been found most effective. In aiming at the best plan of effective action, the following suggestions, based on past experience with the weevil, will, we believe, be of value to our readers:

1. In all territory infested this fall for the first time, weevil damage next year will not be heavy—rarely if ever more than 25 per cent. This comparatively light damage the second year is due to the fact that weevils the fall before are not sufficiently numerous to thoroughly infest all fields, and consequently the number living through the winter is not large.

2. Panic and fright may do more damage than the boll weevil itself. This is a point we must impress especially upon business men in newly invaded territory. We have, in a few instances, known of what virtually amounted to disaster to come with the boll weevil, but where this has been the case it has largely been due to fright; bankers, supply merchants, landlords refused to continue to extend credit where credit had been the rule, and in other ways plainly showed by their action that they believed that agriculturally "the jig was up." Quite true, our credit system is by no means ideal; but to eliminate it or to substitute a better is something that can not be done over night. It is important to understand the seriousness of the situation, but don't get stampeded.

3. A live-at-home policy is the first step in beating the boll weevil. We believe the majority of our readers will continue to grow some cotton, despite the weevil, but they can never do this on "store-bought" supplies. The policy of living at home and soil building is sound the world over, but the coming of the boll weevil serves to accentuate its tremendous importance.—Progressive Farmer.

## FOR DR. BUCKNER'S

83D BIRTHDAY.

## A Cash Shower Proposed for the Orphans.

Many friends urge on the 3d day of January next, that there be a cash shower at Buckner Orphan's Home. All churches, Sunday schools, ladies' aid, all societies and individuals are requested to take part in this cash shower. There will be open house on that day. Let all who can not be there in person send by mail their contributions in time for all announcements in amounts sent in to be made on that day at the home.

Evangelist S. C. Bailey of San Antonio, field representative for the home, says it would be well for the friends of the institution to remember that the home is some \$30,000 in debt that must be provided for by voluntary contributions.

Every dollar sent in goes to the support of more than six hundred orphan children sent to the home for protection, support and education from all parts of the state.

## AN APPRECIATED NOTICE.

Following is a tribute of which County Attorney Lamar Bethea is justly proud, and which is an extract from "The Story of Football in Texas" in the December issue of the Alcade, a monthly magazine of the affairs at the University of Texas, published by the ex-Students' Association. The extract was taken from a letter written by Jim Hart, a great Texas football star and is as follows:

"Lamar Bethea, now county attorney of Brazos County, tackle on the '97 and '98 teams, is another man who probably would have made any team that has ever represented Texas. Dave Edwards, coach of '98, not infrequently remarked to Bethea and his associ-

## BAYLOR AND A. & M. MEET NEXT YEAR

Two Teams Have Not Clash in Football Since 1912—May Cause Date Conflict.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 7.—A contract was signed Tuesday afternoon for a big football game at the Cotton Palace on Nov. 11, next year. It will be between A. & M. College and Baylor University. A conference was held here yesterday afternoon between W. L. Driver, athletic director of A. & M. College; C. A. Gantt, athletic director of Baylor, and Clinton Padgett, athletic director of the Cotton Palace. Football enthusiasts of this section of the state hope to make this one of the big annual sporting events at the Cotton Palace.

The game between these two teams next year ought to draw a record-breaking crowd. Baylor and A. & M. have not met since Thanksgiving Day, 1912, on which occasion the Farmers turned in a 53 to 0 victory.

The date for which, according to Waco report, a contract was signed yesterday, may cause a conflict, however. Nov. 11 falls on Saturday, while in the event of No-Tsu-Oh dates, as is extremely probable, coming between Nov. 11 and 18 A. & M. will also have a contract to play Rice at Houston on Nov. 13. It is hardly conceivable in view of the strength of both Baylor and Rice this year, which will not be diminished next season to any great extent, that A. & M. intends to play two hard games in so short a space of time.

No-Tsu-Oh will begin either on Nov. 4 or Nov. 11. In the latter case, the Farmers will be attacking a good and heavy task.

ate tackle on that team that if they would return with him to Princeton they would have no trouble in making the Princeton team, and Edwards meant what he said."

## AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

(By A. W. Kinnard, County Agent.)

The organization of boys' corn and pig clubs is a matter of serious concern to the county right now. The purpose of this club work is to develop agricultural interest and practical skill in real farm work.

The corn club consists of the boys of the county who will cultivate one acre of corn under instructions from the United States department of agriculture and the extension department of the A. & M. College extended through me, their county agent. The pig club consists of those boys who will raise and fatten a pig under similar conditions. The reason for selecting these two particular projects first is quite apparent to one who stops to think. Corn is the very staff of life in America not only as the largest crop made, but as the most common article of food for man and beast. Hogs as the greatest consumers of corn, as well as the most common article of food next to corn used in the South, makes their growth and care the study of the farm boy. Besides the practical advantage of this work to our boys the educational benefits to be derived from the systematic instructions given and art of agriculture is well worth the efforts exerted in the work. I am visiting the schools of the county in this work, but if any boys who ask to join the club and are overlooked will either write me or call on me on Saturday at my office in the court house I will gladly enroll them in either the corn or pig club.—Burleson County Ledger.

## AID FOR RURAL SCHOOLS.

More than seven hundred applications for state aid under the \$1,000,000 rural school law, which was passed by the last legislature were received by the state board of education when it convened in Austin recently.

The bill provides that \$500,000 shall be available for the year ending Aug. 31, 1916, and \$500,000 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1917. The purpose of the measure is to promote the rural public school interests of the state and to provide adequate facilities for the proper education of the agricultural population of Texas.

Texas' rural schools are fast being placed on an equal with those of any other state in the union.

## JAILED FOR HOG THEFT.

Cochie Johnson and Elijah Austin, both colored, were arrested yesterday by Sheriff Nunn and Constable C. L. Baker and placed in the county jail on a charge of stealing four hogs from Jeff Castles, colored, which they are reported to have sold to Cloud & Nicol, meat market proprietor of this city, for \$32. Both are said to have admitted to the charges.



GOVERNMENT COTTON  
GINNING REPORT

Sixth Report Shows Ginnings Prior to Dec. 1 Nearly Four Million Behind Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The sixth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 9,111,453 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915, had been ginned prior to Dec. 1. That compares with 13,073,386 bales, or 82.2 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to Dec. 1 last year, 12,988,412 bales, or 86.5 per cent in 1913 and 11,854,541 bales, or 87.9 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to Dec. 1 in the last ten years was 10,691,933 bales, or 83.4 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 93,861 round bales, compared with 39,682 last year, 86,878 in 1913 and 73,030 in 1912.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 77,161 bales, compared with 63,024 last year, 61,049 in 1913 and 51,275 in 1912.

Ginnings prior to Dec. 1 by states, with comparisons for the last three years of the entire crop ginned in those states prior to that date in the same years, follow:

Alabama—	
1915.....	940,046
1914.....	1,439,556
1913.....	1,365,246
1912.....	1,161,482
Arkansas—	
1915.....	655,394
1914.....	840,295
1913.....	789,937
1912.....	659,595
Florida—	
1915.....	50,270
1914.....	72,962
1913.....	58,485
1912.....	43,630
Georgia—	
1915.....	1,762,026
1914.....	2,285,924
1913.....	2,006,100
1912.....	1,554,478
Louisiana—	
1915.....	319,819
1914.....	329,022
1913.....	342,233
1912.....	243,323
Mississippi—	
1915.....	600,000
1914.....	600,000
1913.....	655,000
1912.....	617,707
North Carolina—	
1915.....	600,000
1914.....	600,000
1913.....	600,000
1912.....	600,000

Oklahoma—	
1915.....	45,680
1914.....	1,018,796
1913.....	764,295
1912.....	869,273
South Carolina—	
1915.....	1,032,435
1914.....	1,230,168
1913.....	1,160,725
1912.....	1,041,639
Tennessee—	
1915.....	238,324
1914.....	291,183
1913.....	304,467
1912.....	208,721
Texas—	
1915.....	2,777,581
1914.....	3,746,578
1913.....	3,572,105
1912.....	4,314,821
All Other States—	
1915.....	69,011
1914.....	82,179
1913.....	66,044
1912.....	56,789

The next ginning report of the census bureau will be issued at 10 a. m. Monday, Dec. 20, and will show the quantity of cotton ginned prior to Dec. 13.

DECREASE IN MARRIAGES.

Interesting figures furnished the Eagle by County Clerk W. S. Higgs show that the success of "Dan Cupid" in Brazos County for 1915 has fallen below the marks of former years, which is no doubt caused by the hard times. The comparison of the marriage licenses sold this year with those sold during 1914 are as follows, there being only a few more days of this year left:

White marriage licenses sold in	
1914.....	144
White marriage licenses sold in	
1915, to date.....	103
A decrease this year of.....	41
Colored marriage licenses sold in	
1914.....	220
Colored marriage licenses sold in	
1915, to date.....	176
A decrease this year of.....	54

TO RURAL TEACHERS.

I wish to add a word to my note of yesterday. The banks here are willing to allow you a flat rate of 2 per cent discount on your school vouchers, or to hold them as collateral and charge you 10 per cent interest on funds furnished you. You must decide which is better for you. If necessary to get funds, I expect to use the latter plan.

Only one, Mr. Berlin Risinger, of the five applicants for county second grade certificates passed the recent examinations. This announcement should stir to diligence those who expect to take the next regular examination in June, 1916.

E. R. WILLIAMS.  
Brazos County, Dec. 9, 1915.

WAR REVENUE LAW  
TO BE CONTINUED

Would Expire by Limitation Dec. 31, So Rush Will Be Made Before Christmas Recess.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 9.—After a conference with Secretary McAdoo Wednesday, Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee announced that the Democrats would put through before the Christmas recess a bill to continue the emergency war revenue law which would expire by limitation Dec. 31. This is estimated to raise more than \$30,000,000 annually.

Mr. Kitchin said the repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff law might be considered at the same time, although it has been understood that the administration's general revenue measures might not be taken up until after the holidays.

The emergency tax law will be extended for a year. The legislation was suggested by Secretary McAdoo as one of the things congress should do to provide for present and expected financial burdens.

There is no necessity for immediate action to keep the duty on raw sugar, as under the Underwood law sugar does not go on the free list until next summer.

BRITAIN ACCEDES  
TO U. S. DEMANDS

American Ships Will Not Be Requisitioned Without Prize Court Proceedings.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 9.—Great Britain has acceded to the American protest against requisitioning ships of the American Trans-Atlantic Company.

The steamers Hocking and Genesee are held to the prize court and England assures the United States no more vessels of that company will be seized.

COLORED PASTOR HONORED.

On last Friday night the members of Lee Chapel M. E. Church met in their church and a banquet was given in honor of their pastor, Rev. Booker. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and ferns, the committee sparing no pains in making it pleasant for their guests.

The report of the work of the work of the church for the past year was read and showed more than \$1,000 raised for all purposes.

A nice program had been arranged for the evening and the choir rendered splendid music. The duet by Mrs. Brooks and M. Baker was especially good.

G. M. Baker acted as master of ceremonies and the following representatives from the different churches spoke: Rev. G. W. Hamilton, pastor of A. M. E. Church; Dr. Fletcher of Navasota, C. S. Shelton, Ed Scott, R. Mingo and L. A. Sandle.

At the conclusion of the program the guests repaired to the dining room, where an elaborate spread was enjoyed.

Oyster Stew	Sliced Tomatoes
Queen Olives	Roast Turkey
Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake
Many things were said in honor of Rev. Booker, as he has endeared himself to the hearts of the colored people of Bryan. He goes to Galveston this week for the annual conference and we all hope for his return.	
T. P. PETERSON,	
G. H. BAKER,	
C. E. EDMOND,	
D. HOUSTON,	
Committee.	

RUCHTI-WHITLOW.

Mr. Willie C. Ruchti of this city and Miss Lottie Whitlow of Hearne were quietly united in marriage at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev. E. A. Ingram, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Calvert. Rev. Ingram officiating.

The bride is a well known young lady of Hearne, with a large number of friends, won by a sweet and amiable disposition and unaffected manners.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruchti of this city, and was born and reared here. He has been in the employ of the Bryan Telephone Company for a number of years, and has won for himself an enviable place in the regard of the business men of Bryan and his employers by his strict attention to his duties and his quiet and exemplary habits.

The bride and groom arrived in Bryan today and will be at home to their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Beard in future.

WIVES CAN NOT  
VISIT HUSBANDS

Lack of Passports Prevented One Hundred From Canada Sailing for England.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 9.—Because they were not supplied with new passports required by the British government, 100 would-be passengers, mostly wives of Canadian soldiers who were planning to go to England to spend the Christmas holidays with their husbands in the Canadian contingent, were barred from sailing for Liverpool yesterday on the White Star liner Adriatic.

The sailing of the Adriatic was delayed more than an hour while they left the ship. The Adriatic carried a large number of passengers and a big cargo of war munitions, the freight totaling nearly 18,000 tons.

DITTMAR TO HEAD  
LONGHORN ELEVEN

Resolution Passed Asking That Alderice Be Retained as Coach Next Year.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—Gus Dittmar of Houston was unanimously elected as captain for the Longhorn football team of the University of Texas at the annual football banquet given Monday night at the Driskill hotel.

There were only nineteen persons present at the banquet, they being the coach and the eighteen men who were awarded "T's" at the close of the past season.

Paul Simmons made the nominating speech and the motion was seconded by J. H. Goodman.

Following this a unanimous rising vote of the team named Dittmar as the leader for the Texans of next year. Captain Berry presented Coach Dave Alderice a handsome traveling set as the teams appreciation for the work done by him during his stay in Austin.

The following announcement was made by the team with the request that it be published throughout the state:

"To the Alumni, Students and Athletic Council of the University of Texas. We, the football team of the University of Texas of 1915, unanimously request the reappointment of Dave W. Alderice as coach for the football team for the season of 1916.

"We the team, refute all the charges and allegations made the past season in any way implicating the coach as responsible for the three defeats of the season.

"J. H. GOODMAN,  
"J. A. EDMOND,  
"ALVA CARLTON,  
"Committee for the Team."

A. & M. AGGIES MAKE GOOD.

Doing Fine Work in County Farm Demonstration.

Graduates of the A. & M. College are coming into prominence in county agricultural demonstration work. W. F. Proctor, state agent in charge of the demonstration work, co-operative between the United States department of agriculture and the A. & M. College, announces the appointment of a number of recent graduates of the college.

These men all have had practical experience and have made good in their work, according to Mr. Proctor. A. & M. men engaged in demonstration work are Frank R. Phillips, Rusk; F. D. Lown, Cotulla; R. E. Caldwell, Corpus Christi; John T. Egan, Seymour; C. C. Morris, Pittsburg, and W. Z. Miller, Edinburg, Hidalgo County; I. V. Buck, Taylor County, and C. H. McDowell, Bee County.

More than one hundred counties now have agricultural demonstration agents who are working with the farmers and stockmen in an effort to increase the productiveness of crops and to insure a better market price.

DR. G. F. THORNHILL.

Word was received here this morning of the death of Dr. Gabe E. Thornhill at his home at Paris. The summons came unexpected and while he was in his car en route to visit a patient. Dr. Thornhill will be remembered by many of our older citizens, having lived here some twenty years ago, at which time he was agent for the Houston & Texas Central Railway. He left Navasota to embark in the practice of medicine, having studied for this line of work during his stay here. Dr. Thornhill was regarded always as a manly man and those acquainted with his professional work claim that he was a success as

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M. H. JAMES  
WE TAKE CARE.

AMERICAN STEAMER  
WAS SEARCHED

French Cruiser Held Her Up and Removed Two Second Class Passengers.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 11.—The American steamer San Juan was held up and searched by a French cruiser, according to a message to the owners today, and two second class passengers were removed. The San Juan was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, Porto Rico.

COTTON VALUES  
SHOT TO PIECES

Strained Relations Between U. S. and Austria-Hungary Given as Cause.

[By Associated Press.] New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—Cotton values shot down swiftly today, breaking about \$1.75 a bale in the first thirty minutes of trading. The tension between the United States and Austria-Hungary is responsible.

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR WAS NAMED

\$2 Drop at New York. [By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton fell practically \$2 per bale here today.

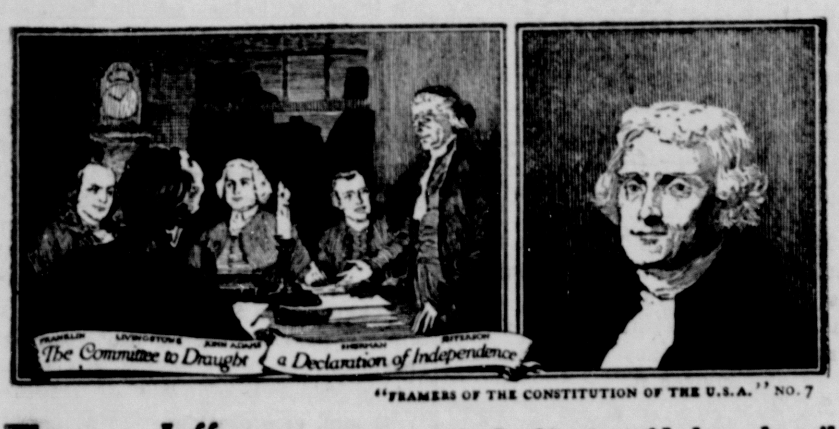
EGG-SELLING ASSOCIATIONS.

The October pay roll has just turned more than \$100 "egg money" into the pockets of the eighteen farmers who are members of the Co-Operative Egg-Selling Association at the Mississippi A. and M. College. This was the first egg-selling association established in Mississippi and has been in operation for several years. During the past year it has been returning as much as \$17 each month to some of its members.

The association secures a market, crates and ships the eggs and returns 27c to the farmer for every dozen eggs he furnishes. The remaining 3c covers the cost of express and crating, no charge being made for the services of E. P. Clayton of the poultry department, who handles the eggs for the members. The association is now shipping ninety dozen fresh eggs every week.

A number of these egg-selling associations are doing good work in the state. Without co-operation the farmers get only the market price for their eggs, whereas, by shipping together as they are doing they not only get more "egg money" from the same number of hens, but are encouraged to improve their poultry and to use better business methods on their farms. Any information on organizing these egg-selling associations will be furnished by the poultry department, Agricultural College, Mississippi.

According to figures furnished the Eagle by the officials of the Bryan and Central Texas Interurban, that road has increased its total of bales of cotton handled this season to 5,950, or almost one-third of the cotton received in Bryan this year. The road has also brought 150 cars of cotton seed into Bryan this season.



Thomas Jefferson "Father of the Declaration of Independence"

THIS noble founder of the Democratic Party immortalized himself by writing our Declaration of Independence—the document which laid the foundations of Free Government, not only for our own beloved land, but for all the world. His countrymen twice elected him President and Jefferson was the most ardent advocate of Universal Freedom of his time and it was his wisdom and foresight which brought about the Louisiana Purchase. Every drop of his Virginia blood loved Liberty, and because he wanted Americans to be assured of it for all time he championed with all his might and main the signing of the Constitution of the United States. None of the Fathers of the Republic were more far-seeing than he and none knew better than he that a mild brew of barley-malt and hops is truly a temperance drink. Hence, in 1816 he wrote President Madison: "A Captain Miller is about to settle in this country and establish a brewery. I wish to see this beverage become common." Jefferson lived past his 83rd year and all his life he was a moderate user of light wines and barley brews. It is unimaginable that were he alive today he would vote otherwise than NO to proposed tyrannous prohibition laws. For 58 years Anheuser-Busch have been brewing the kind of honest barley and hop brews which Jefferson hoped in his day to see the National beverage of Americans. Exactly such a beer is BUDWEISER. Its quality, purity, mildness and exquisite flavor have won its way to the top. To-day 7500 people are daily required to meet the public demand. Its sales exceed any other beer by millions of bottles.

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## THE RAVINGS OF AN ABSENT KNIGHT

Out Among the Cacti His Heart  
Comes Back to Loved Ones and  
Lives Again.

Brazos Lodge No. 64, Knights of Pythias, held a special roll call meeting in their Castle Hall last week. These occasions are of unusual interest to members, whether present or not, and the following thoughts were dispatched by an absent brother to be read at this meeting, which was enjoyed by those present:

Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 28.—Toastmaster, Knights of Pythias Banquet, Castle Hall, Bryan Tex.—Dear Brother Knights: "It's a long way to Tipperary, but my heart's right there." So sang the loyal son of Erin. And so sing I. Only I would substitute your Castle Hall for Paddy's Tipperary. The way the way-worn pilgrim must travel, it is more than five hundred miles from where you feast to-night in your Castle Hall to where I famish in my loneliness. You are surrounded by love, laughter and song; I'm surrounded by cayuse, cayenne, catclaw, cacti, coyote and Carranza.

How do I feel? Well, I wouldn't "trade my shoes for a bottle of booze," just now, largely for the reason that I couldn't drink the mescal, nor could I possibly get out of this wilderness of catclaw and cacti with unsandaled feet. No man could.

The wise man who wrote the eighteenth and nineteenth verses of the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs said: "There be three things that I know not, yea four that are too wonderful for me: the way of an eagle in the air, the way of a ship on the sea, the way of a serpent on a rock and the way of a man with a maid." If the seer who penned these lines away back in the dawn of creation should come to earth and should attempt to again state the things too wonderful for his comprehension, I fancy he would add the fifth wonder, and it would probably read: "Why even a Texan is willing to fight for this d—n country on the Rio Grande."

All that stuff about "Life and love and Laska, down by the Rio Grande" may be good poetry, but from the standpoint of fact, I regard it as pure de bunk. True, "the little gray hawk" is here. So is the "black snake, gliding on." And so is the coyote, exactly as Mark Twain described him, "two-thirds the size of a yaller dog and principally vocal." But as to "Laska and love." Bah! Positively, if I had to live in a country like this, I'd say, with the rapid fire poet:

"Ship me some where east of Suez,  
Where the best is like the worst,  
Where there ain't no Ten Commandments,

And a man can raise a thirst."

I would, I'd positively, I'd "rather be a peasant and wear wooden shoes" in Brazos County, than to be a lord of the manor in this God-forsaken region. If Shakespeare had lived on the Rio Grande instead of on the Avon I wonder if the world would have had that beautiful philosophy about "sermons in stones, books in running brooks, and good in everything." I doubt it. But why should I worry about this region? There are those who like it—or claim to like it, anyway. Let them have it. I'll not fuss with them. Neither will I publish my opinion of their country. But I'll come back to you and to Bryan, and there I'll commune with friends who are every ready and willing to condone my weaknesses and to lend me "ten" when I'm broke.

I know you are having a bully good time tonight. I can almost taste, even across this desert, the chicken prepared by "Bob" Webb and Henry Locke. My! but it must be delicious. And how Jim Hare must be enjoying it. And there are others, I remember, who have a special "tooth" for chicken. There's Clarence Seale and Julius Christian and Judge Maloney and J. D. Mann and Marvin Wallace and Ed Martin and John M. Caldwell and "Gilly" Wilson and "Billie" Fairman and "Bob" Smith and John Moore and Major Reed and Stewart Boatwright and Frank McGee and—but what's the use. If there is a Knight in the whole bunch that couldn't register as a Methodist under this particular score, I have failed to meet him.

I can not only smell that chicken away out here on the Rio Grande. I fancy I can hear, even across the sands of the desert, those silver-tongued orators, Tom Conally, Law Henderson, John Moore, Judge Maloney, "Gilly" Wilson and many others. I predict now that it will be an irreparable loss to the world's literature and oratory, if you fail to preserve these speeches.

But I'm reminded that even in the midst of our happiest hours we are

face to face with the eternal question.

"Is there aught upon the earth,  
Worth the trying for, the sighing  
for, the crying for,  
Pleasure goes and so does mirth,  
Laughter leaves and so does song;  
Nothing pleasant lingers long;  
What is there upon the earth,  
But to suffer and be strong."

And so if we suffer, as we must, and if we are strong, as we should be, and if we are charitable, as we ought to be, and if we are benevolent, even as we have promised to be—if we are all this, then we can sing sweetly with him who said:

"Some time at even when the tide is low,  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,  
With no response to the friendly hail  
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.  
In the silent hush of the twilight pale  
When the night stoops down to embrace the day,  
And voices call in the waters' flow;  
Some time at eve when the tide is low,  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away.

"Through the purpling shadows that  
darkly trail  
O'er the ebbing tide of the Unknown  
Sea,  
I shall fare me away, with a dip of sail,  
And a ripple of waters to tell the tale  
Of a lonely voyager, sailing away  
To the Mystic Isles where at anchor lay  
The Crafts of those who have sailed before  
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore.

"A few who have watched me sail  
away  
Will miss my Craft from the busy bay;  
Some friendly barks that were anchored near;  
Some loving souls that my heart held dear,  
In silent sorrow will drop a tear,  
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail  
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale,  
And greeted the friends who have sailed before  
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore."

## THE ANCONA NOTE IN STRONG TERMS

The Note Informs Austria She Must  
Come Clean or Relations Will  
Be Broken.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Dec. 13.—The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public Sunday, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act, for punishment of the submarine commander and for indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent Americans.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman, barbarous and a wanton slaughter of helpless men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

Austria gives as an excuse for not replying to the note of the United States that she has been unable to communicate with the commander of the submarine that sank the Ancona. The whereabouts of the submarine is still unknown.

LITTLE SALLIE BURLIN.

Sallie, the little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burlin, who reside in the Thompson Creek community, died Saturday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock after an extended illness of five weeks and was buried Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Red Hill Cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Rawls.

The parents have the sympathy of friends in this hour of bereavement.

## \$41,046,162 WAS THE INCOME TAX TOTAL

Recommendations to Broaden Scope  
and Increase Revenue Was Made  
in U. S. Commissioner's Report.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Dec. 13.—The personal income tax paid during the first fiscal year by 357,515 individuals totaled \$41,046,162, nearly \$13,000,000 more than the amount paid by 357,598 individuals the year before, according to the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue made public Sunday night.

The greatest increase was in the amounts paid by 82,754 persons subject to the normal tax, a jump from about \$12,728,000 in 1914 to about \$16,559,000 in 1915.

Incomes exceeding \$500,000 numbered 174 and paid about \$6,439,000, compared with about \$3,437,000 last year. Under the corporation income tax 299,445 returns were made, a decrease of 17,464, ascribed to various conditions, including disturbed business conditions incident to European and Mexican disturbances. The corporations paid \$38,986,952 or about \$6,627,000 less than in 1914.

The report says few corporations purposely falsified their returns or sought to evade the tax.

Recommendations are made for changes in the income tax law to broaden its scope and increase the revenue.

Frauds through artificially colored oleomargarine are said to have totaled \$17,692,410, of which only \$4,611,052 was within the assessable period. During the year \$751,000 was collected.

The total revenue collected by the bureau amounted to about \$415,681,000.

The emergency tax law brought in \$52,000,000, the tax on distilled spirits, other than those distilled from fruits, about \$133,803,000, compared with about \$150,000,000 in 1914, and the tax on fermented liquors increased from about \$67,000,000 paid in 1914 to about \$79,000,000 this last year.

## TO EXCHANGE BONDS FOR U. S. SECURITIES

[By Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 13.—The British government is to buy American securities, paying for them with five-year 5 per cent bonds, it was announced today.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS  
VIA I. & G. N. RAILWAY.

One and one-third fare round trip tickets to Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Memphis, on sale Dec. 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Jan. 1; limit Jan. 5. To Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Washington, Baltimore, all points in Southeast and several points in Colorado, sell Dec. 21, 22 and 23; limit Jan. 18. See ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway.

ALEXANDER DEFEATED  
NEW BADEN.

The Alexander girls and Tabor High School boys met New Baden basketball players at Wheelock Saturday and two very interesting games were played.

The New Baden teams are among the strongest basketball teams of Robertson County. Fast and quick playing were features of all four teams, but the superior team work and skill in goal throwing won the game by a score of 15 to 11 for Alexander girls. The boys seemed to be evenly matched in every respect. The score was a tie until the end of the last half, when they agreed to wait and play off the tie later.

A. S. McSWAIN.

FIREMEN'S MEETING.

Last Payment on Wagon—Donation to Christmas Fund.

The regular monthly meeting of Protection Company No. 1 of the Bryan fire department was held last night at the fire station, with C. E. Jenkins, president pro tem, presiding and a number of the members present.

A motion was made and carried that the company donate \$10 to the Knights of Pythias Christmas fund. By motion, the fire chief and secretary of the company were authorized to make the last payment due on the fire wagon.

Chas. Sosolik, local photographer, was elected to membership in the company.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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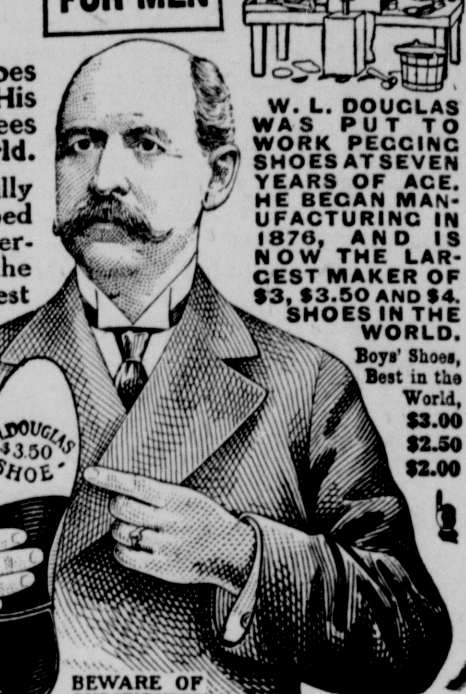
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## TEXAS HIGHWAYS NEED BETTER BRIDGES.

By Professor B. K. Coghlan,  
Highway Engineer A. and M. College.

The use that can be made of a highway is governed by the poorest place on it, be this place a mud hole, a stretch of sand, or an unsafe bridge. In the past, and in some sections of Texas even recently, the roads were little more than broad trails, poorly located, poorly constructed and poorly maintained. Under such circumstances, almost anything in the way of a bridge was as good if not better than the balance of the highway, and as long as the structure continued to stand little thought was given to its trustworthiness. In the past few years, however, the increase in population, the need of better markets and especially the growing need for better social conditions, has called for and compelled improvements in highway construction. This improvement has usually resulted in lower grades, a better graded cross section, or a better wearing surface; but, with the exception of a comparatively few instances little improvement has been noticed in our bridges. Too often the structures that spanned our streams, when the limiting load was represented by a pair of oxen hauling a bale of cotton, and some cases they continue to do so only "through force of habit."

The condition mentioned above is bad enough, but this is only part of the story. During the past year, in the state of Texas, bridges have been erected that were out of date, both as regards type of construction and ability to carry traffic, before they had been open for use a single day. Wooden bridges have been built, although sad experience has proven that they are a constant source of expense to keep in repairs; piers and abutments have been placed on insecure foundations, with resulting settlement and failure; steel bridges, structurally weak, have been erected because the men responsible to the people failed to secure competent engineering advice, and, as in many instances, the word "reinforced concrete" has been compelled to cover a greater multitude of sins than could have found shelter under the "mantle of charity."

The need of sound engineering advice can not be too greatly emphasized; it takes an engineer to design bridges just as it takes a tailor to design clothes, and not until this fact has been thoroughly grasped by the officials in charge of the roads, and action taken accordingly will the waste of public funds be stopped. Doing without an engineer is never an economy, neither is it advisable to let a contractor or a bridge company do the work that is properly the province of an engineer in the employ of the city or county.

The number of bridge failures, as well as the constantly increasing cost of repairs due to more and heavier traffic, has forced the road officials throughout the state to the conclusion that the "happy go lucky" methods of bridge design and maintenance must go; and that, in the future every effort must be made to get the most value for the money expended. In most cases it is impossible at present to replace all the structures now spanning our streams with others of a more permanent type, but every county in the state should make the effort to construct one or two modern bridges each year. If, in addition to this, all the present bridges were kept in the best possible repair an appreciable improvement would be realized. Where money from bond is

available for road improvement a large proportion of it can well be spent in the construction of thoroughly modern bridges and culverts; and this is especially true where the bonds run for a long term of years, as any road surface wears out in a comparatively short period of time, while properly designed steel or reinforced concrete bridge will usually outlive the bond issue.

CITY BUILDING RACKS.

Hitching Places Being Provided on  
Intersecting Streets.

The city was requested at a recent meeting of the council by the Commercial Club to build as many hitching racks on the intersecting streets as possible to furnish a place for the people, especially the rural visitors to hitch their teams, the rings at the edge of the curbs being deemed inadequate for a safe hitching place. The matter was referred to Alderman Wilson of the street committee, with power to act and Mr. Wilson has built two, has another in course of construction and will build others as quickly as possible. The racks are being installed along the intersections where the property owners do not object. Those already built are along the Eugene Edge building on East Mosely, and Sanders Brothers building on East Caldwell street. Another is being constructed along the First National bank building on West Mosely street.

The racks are being built of almost permanent material, creosoted 4 by 6 posts being used with a one and a half-inch galvanized pipe running from end to end. They are not unsightly as was at first thought, and are a great improvement over the iron rings formerly provided.

HARVEY HAPPENINGS.

The ladies of the Woodmen Circle gave a box supper Saturday night at the Woodman Hall. A large crowd was out, a number of boxes were sold, a neat sum of money was raised and every one enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Kan Kelley entertained the young folks in their home Friday night. A number of games was enjoyed and every one had a great time.

The school boys played the outside boys in a game of basketball Friday afternoon. The score was 20 to 12 in favor of the school boys. It was a hard fight from the beginning, but the school boys had them outclassed in goal throwing and fastness.

There were church services Sunday afternoon at Harvey. Rev. C. E. Bullock filled the pulpit.

Mrs. Joe Parker of Beeville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson.

Carl Morgan of West, Tex., is visiting relatives and friends in the community.

Mrs. Rubie McDonald and children have returned home to Waco, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dyess.

D. C. Buchanan made a business trip to Houston and Wharton last week.

**AID SOCIETY PRESENTED  
COMMUNION SERVICE.**

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church at the conference held at the close of the morning service yesterday, presented the church an elegant individual communion service as a Christmas gift. The gift was accepted unanimously and a vote of thanks extended the ladies for their thoughtful consideration.

## STEEP HOLLOW DE- FEATED WELLBORN.

The two teams of the Steep Hollow School were victors in both games played against the Wellborn High School teams on the high school grounds Saturday afternoon. The Steep Hollow first team beat the Wellborn first team by a score of 22 to 11, and the second team of Steep Hollow beat the Wellborn second team easily 15 to 3. This was the first defeat the Wellborn first team had suffered this season. The victories were clean-cut for the Steep Hollow boys, who had the edge on their opponents in practically every department of the game, and the results were never in doubt after the first few minutes of play.

ROBBED STUDIO WINDOW.

The display window of Carter's studio, at the foot of the stairs leading to the studio, was broken open last night and three costly pictures stolen. The pictures were valued at about \$5 each and were printed on the very best photo material that can be bought. Mr. Carter states that the thief was evidently a man, as he took particular pains to leave the pictures of the men and babies in the window, and took only the photographs of the young ladies. This is the second or third time the window has been entered since the studio was opened, and each time several dollars worth of pictures have been stolen.

Mr. Carter offers a reward of \$5 for the return of the pictures or the apprehension of the thief, and informs the Eagle that he will have the windows fixed so they can not be entered without the key unless the glass is broken.

SONS OF HERMANN  
ELECT OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of the Sons of Hermann Lodge Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Aug. Thompson, president; John Wittmann, vice president; F. A. Sommerlatte, secretary; Aug. Jahn, treasurer; W. J. Hajek, trustees; Walter Wiprecht, Chas. Nitche and B. Kacer, finance committee; Dr. A. L. Mendrick, lodge physician.

TWO MORE BURGLARIES.

Two more Bryan stores were victims Saturday night of the burglars that have been running wild in Bryan and the vicinity recently. W. T. James' furniture establishment in the Wagner building on Bryan and West Anderson streets was entered, the burglar effecting an entrance by breaking out a window at the top of the awning in the front of the building. The cash register was rifled, but no cash was secured. No merchandise of any kind has been missed by the proprietor.

The general merchandise store of Phillip Ventura in the northern part of the city was also entered, entrance being effected through a window. The proprietor states that no money was secured and he has missed only two sacks of flour. The officers are at work on the cases.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Louis Lucas and Mary Brown. Webb Crawford and Leona Thomas. Charlie Williams and Roxie Galtier. Ollie Dunn and Sarah Lawrence.

Mrs. J. C. Welch left Sunday night for a few weeks' visit to relatives and friends at San Antonio and Elgin.